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## Lure of lottery's biggest jackpot attracts world's gamblers

By JOANNA BALI

THE record size of this week's National Lottery jackpot, estimated at £40 million, is attracting high-rolling gamblers and huge private and commercial syndicates from all over the world.

One lottery expert said that dozens of people were flying into Britain with thousands of pounds to spend on tickets, although reports of an Australian syndicate buying up all 14 million possible number combinations were dis-

missed. Stefan Klinecwick, who has masterminded the Irish jackpot wins, said: "There are people coming in from all over Europe and the United States."

Mr Klinecwick plans to buy a large number of tickets for his own private syndicates. His biggest win was a 10 per cent stake in a jackpot of £2.5 million in an Irish lottery.

Commercial syndicates, which charge for buying tickets, are against National Lottery regulations, but Mr Klinecwick says they still buy tickets and win money. He

added: "Commercial syndicates do target the National Lottery and win some smaller prizes. If they did win a big prize, however, Camelot would pick up on it. It would almost certainly end in court where Camelot would have to prove the winning ticket was purchased in excess of its face value."

Commercial syndicates attract thousands of members through advertisements, but Mr Klinecwick said he doubted that one would spend £14 million buying all the possible number combinations this

week. He said: "It is not viable because there will be too many winners, five or six possibly, sharing the jackpot. It would also cost around £1.7 million for a commercial syndicate to pay hundreds of people to buy the tickets and look after the administration."

Camelot, which is expecting an increase in ticket sales of 15 to 20 per cent, also said that it would not pay out any prizes won by commercial syndicates because they contravene the lottery regulations. Another expert predicted, however,

that a large commercial syndicate may be interested if there was another rollover next week which would push the jackpot up to £60 million or £70 million. Sam Weren, an independent lottery expert, said: "This week's estimated jackpot of £40 million is not worth the gamble of buying up all 13,983,816 possible combinations. This is because the jackpot is shared between an average of 5.4 winners each week, so, assuming a similar number of winners, the top prize would only be £10 million to

£11 million for an outlay of nearly £14 million."

"Even if the syndicate were to

share the jackpot with just two other winners, then it would only win £14,800,000, which includes £1.5 million of the lower division prizes. A commercial syndicate would have to pay people to buy the tickets and it is just not worth the gamble; but if no one wins this week and there is another rollover, the odds of making a huge profit drastically improve."

Mr Weren estimated that it

would take 220 people working 12-hour shifts to buy 14 million tickets in a week. Each person would have to fill in nearly 13,000 coupons, each containing five entries. That is based on the average 15 seconds it takes to process a five-board coupon. They would have to feed all their coupons into one machine which would arouse suspicions from the retailer and Camelot. Each machine is monitored by computers at Camelot's head office and the company has the right to

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## Insurers face £500m water bill

By ANDREW PIERCE, GILLIAN BOWDITCH,  
KATE ALDERSON AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

INSURERS are facing a £500 million bill for the water chaos that has shut down businesses and left tens of thousands of households cut off for days.

Hundreds of businesses across Scotland and the North East were told not to reopen after the Christmas break because of the water shortage and many said they would have to lay off staff unless supplies were restored soon.

General Accident in Scotland opened its offices two days early this week to cope with insurance inquiries, and a leading loss adjuster estimated that the bill was a "conservative £500 million" and rising. Nicholas Balcombe, chief executive of the Balcombe Group, said: "I have been taken aback by the sheer scale of the damage. I have been in Wellington boots all week. It is a virtual disaster in some parts of Scotland."

Insurers were optimistic, however, that the bill would not approach the billions paid out after the storms in 1987 and 1990 and that premiums should not rise.

Water companies were again heavily criticised yesterday and share prices fell at the prospect of huge compensation claims while the rest of the Stock Market rose. Customers are entitled to at least £10 after they have been without water for 24 hours — and the costs must be met from profits.

The National Consumer Council said the severe supplies posed a public health risk, while the GMB union blamed privatisation and the subsequent cuts in the workforce. Donald MacGregor, GMB Head of Staff, said: "The water companies have left off so many staff this was a disaster waiting to happen."

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But the Water Services Association, which represents the ten companies in England and Wales, said: "Many of the problems have occurred in Scotland and Northern Ireland where the water authorities are still in the public sector."

In Grampian, tens of thousands of homes were still cut off after six days and no school will start the new term on Monday because of extensive damage to water and heating systems. Water to all industrial estates in the region was cut off on Monday, and Lothian has asked also factories to stop production until supplies are back to normal.

Bill Anderson, Scottish Secretary of the Federation of Small Businesses, said: "The water crisis was a disastrous start to the new business year and could cost millions of pounds. Uniroyal Tyres at Newbridge, Edinburgh, said the ban would cost up to £150,000 a day."

Bill Gold of NEC, which employs 1,200 staff at its semi-conductor plant in Livingston, said: "If we had not agreed to cut production, we would have shut down the water supply for the whole of Livingston."

In the North East of England, 20,000 people were still being served by tankers, but the companies promised that their tanks should be running again within 36 hours.

Ashington remained cut off for the third day running and is not expected to have its supplies restored until Friday. Special services have been set up for local hospitals, which have cancelled routine surgery, but the residents' misery was compounded by damaged pipes. There were also reports of taps being ripped off tanks, allowing water to drain away.

John Hargreaves, managing director of Northumbrian Water, going to keep a service going, has been filling up a bucket full of holes."

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS in Geneva have created antimatter, the stuff that powers the starship *Enterprise*. But don't book your seats for *Alpha Centauri* just yet — the amount they created was hardly enough to detect and lasted barely a fraction of a second. Its creation, nevertheless, is a landmark.

"It is really proof that there is an



Madonna, summoned to testify after she said she was too sick to come to court

## Madonna faces 'stalker'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MADONNA was called to testify in court yesterday against a man who forced his way onto her grounds and made threats to slice her throat from ear to ear.

Chaotic scenes reminiscent of the OJ Simpson trial awaited the pop singer's arrival at the Los Angeles criminal courts building for the trial of Robert Dewey Hoskins, 39. He is charged under a new California anti-stalking law aimed, not least, at protecting thousands of celebrities from their obsessive fans.

Mr Hoskins's fixation with Madonna — real name Veronica Ciccone — led him three times last year to her extensive walled estate in the Hollywood Hills, an outlandish place painted in horizontal stripes of terra cotta and orange on the crest of a ridge beneath the fabled "Hollywood" sign.

The third time, claiming to be her husband (she has never married), he was shot and wounded in a scuffle with one

Hoskins shot in scuffle with security guard

of her guards. In anticipation of her arrival, an eerie calm has shrouded the courthouse since Mr Simpson's acquittal was re-enacted by the yelling of camera crews, reporters, T-shirt sellers and policemen trying to come to court.

Despite her reputation for craving publicity this was not an appearance Madonna wanted to make. Ever since

Judge Jacqueline Connor

has not been impressed.

Knowing Madonna is the star

witness in the case, the judge

threatened her with arrest for

contempt of court and bail that

would have been set at \$5 million if she failed to appear.

The Material Girl, who may

secretly be gratified by the

interest in the case given her

fading career as a pop star,

was originally due in court on

Monday. But her lawyer,

Nicholas DeWitt, appeared

without her to negotiate a

postponement of one day and the banning of cameras from

the courtroom.

Mr Hoskins, who faces a

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his lawyer said. If so, that

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antiworld," said Dr Walter Oerter of the Institute of Physics at Jülich in West Germany, who was one of the team that used the Low Energy Antiproton Ring (LEAR) at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics in Geneva to create a few fleeting atoms of anti-hydrogen.

There are 111 ordinary elements listed in the Periodic Table, and now there is one in its shadowy opposite

number. "This is the first step in the

anti-periodic system," Dr Oerter told

Science.

Antiprotons have been known for

years. They have the same mass as

normal particles but the opposite

electric charge so that when one meets

the other they annihilate each other,

releasing a burst of energy. This has

given rise to the idea that they might

be used as a fuel or to build a

tremendously powerful bomb.

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bined with the positrons to create anti-

hydrogen, detected as it collided at

huge speed with detectors.

## US keeps Jupiter's secrets

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER  
IN WASHINGTON

AFTER 18 years of preparation and more than 2.3 billion miles of space travel, the Galileo space mission has finally sent a treasure trove of data about Jupiter's atmosphere.

However, NASA, the US space agency, is being prevented from disclosing the mysteries of the planet by the government shutdown. Until

The White House and Congress resolve the budget crisis, NASA lacks the money to stage the news conference.

Last month a probe released into the Jovian atmosphere sent back a mass of data before burning up. That is now processed and scientists are longing to share what they describe as "some very interesting surprises".

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## Ulster paramilitaries name ten alleged drug dealers in Protestant areas

# Loyalists draw up murder hit-list

By RICHARD FORD AND JOHN HICKS

LOYALIST paramilitaries are threatening to start a murder campaign against alleged drug dealers in Protestant areas of Ulster after drawing up a hit-list of nine men and one woman. The ten people on the list drawn up by the Protestant Action Force are in fear of their lives and are moving from house to house regularly to avoid being killed.

Yesterday's disclosure of a loyalist hit-list came amid ministerial alarm in London and Dublin at damage to the peace process caused by the spate of killings in Northern Ireland.

Two men in their twenties who are accused of being drug dealers on the list issued in Antrim by the PAF, the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, with-

drew from a press conference in Belfast yesterday where they would have admitted being involved in pent crime.

Nancy Gracey of Families Against Intimidation and Terror said that the men decided against making a public appearance after the killing of Ian Lyons on New Year's Day.

Mr Lyons, aged 31, was shot dead by Direct Action Against Drugs, a cover name for the Provisional IRA, at Lurgan, Co Armagh. Three out of 14 men on a death list issued by Direct Action Against Drugs have been killed.

A nightclub owner has also announced that he is to abandon Saturday night raves in Armagh after having his life threatened by Direct Action Against Drugs. Donal Gorman said that his Arena club



Ian Lyons: shot dead on New Year's Day

will revert to a disco from this weekend after telephone threats to him and to a local radio station, demanding a shutdown.

He said the RUC had told him the threats should be taken seriously: "In the light of

what has been happening recently, I find the threats terrifying but my commitments are such that I can't just shut down the club."

Ms Gracey, a founder member of Families Against Intimidation and Terror, said that the Royal Ulster Constabulary had offered the nine men and one woman safe haven and warned them to keep their heads down. "Their reaction to being on this new list is total fear. They are moving from safe house to safe house to try to stop any attack."

"This is a carbon copy of the IRA campaign and is very worrying. It is a time for people on both sides of the community to get out on the streets and protest against such lists," Ms Gracey said.

"At least if the Royal Ulster Constabulary deal with these matters people had a chance

in the courts. Even murderers have a trial and a solicitor to represent them and a judge to try them. These people just get a bullet in the back of the head, fired by cowards. The killings have little to do with the drugs problem. It's all about carving out territory, power and control in particular areas, and settling old scores. It keeps the little foot-soldiers happy. They have been fishing to get back to war," she said.

The killings have heightened anxiety within the Province that the ceasefire is slowly breaking down. They have also increased doubt about the prospect of the early start of all-party talks designed to produce an overall political settlement.

They have produced division in the ranks of the Ulster Unionist Party with John Tay-

ERIC LUKE

## Keep ban on gays, say Army chiefs

Army chiefs have strongly recommended keeping the ban on homosexuality in the Forces, insisting that the time for homosexual rights in the military "is not yet with us, and probably never will be".

Among the concerns is that the Services would be obliged to provide married quarters for homosexual partners. Such a move would have "serious morale implications", according to an internal Army report.

A government decision on whether to change the ban on homosexuals is expected early this year. The ban was called into question during a judicial review.

## Festival boss goes for votes

The Glastonbury rock festival will not take place this summer. Instead, the organiser will be trying to persuade long-suffering local residents to elect him as their Labour MP.

The annual jamboree of mud, noise, music and shopping will be back in 1997, by which time the voters in the currently Tory seat of Wells will have delivered their verdict on Michael Eavis, a farmer. He said: "It has always been our practice to take a break every three or four years."

## School backs security policy

Security will not be stepped up at St George's school after the fatal stabbing of the head teacher Philip Lawrence, it was disclosed on the first day of term yesterday. Mr Lawrence died after confronting a gang outside the school in west London in December.

Ian Hamerton, administration manager, said the school was already secure and the gates were locked whenever appropriate. He added: "It is my belief that the gang were not local and I don't think that they would return because they don't have the courage."

## Genes hasten salmon size

Genuinely-altered salmon which grow 10 times faster than normal are being created by scientists in Scotland, according to a report in *New Scientist*. The scientists are injecting 10,000 salmon eggs at a hatchery on Loch Fyne with genes from another fish to accelerate their growth, the magazine says. The Scottish fish-farming industry hopes the modified salmon will greatly increase profits. However, conservationists fear that if the fish escape, they could endanger wild salmon in the North Atlantic.

## CORRECTIONS

In Mr C.J.A. Cope's letter of December 19 the reference to delays in replacements for the amphibious assault ships *Fearless* and *Intrepid* should have been three years, and not three months as printed.

We regret that a photograph of Mr James Boucher was wrongly used to accompany an obituary (December 30) of Mr Jimmy Boucher, the Irish international cricketer.

The highest paid director of Tadpole Technology in 1995 was Geoff Burr, former head of US operations, whose remuneration of £220,592 included £116,425 in compensation for loss of office (report, January 1).

## Red tape 'is harming standards in schools'

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE GOVERNMENT must halve red tape in schools as part of a campaign to step up education standards, declining, a former senior civil servant said yesterday.

Sir Geoffrey Holland, who retired as permanent secretary at the Department for Education in 1994, urged ministers to launch a crusade against bureaucracy to give teachers more time to concentrate on classroom work.

Sir Geoffrey, speaking at the North of England Education Conference in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, outlined a 10-year programme required to reverse Britain's slide down the league table of international competitiveness.

He said: "In general, 13-year-olds in English schools lag two years behind their continental cousins and never catch up later." Given simple sums to do, only 4 per cent of the least able 13-year-olds in

British schools got them right. In Germany, more than 75 per cent were able to give the correct answer. The consequences of a growing skills gap were reflected in Britain's drop from 14th to 18th place in world economic competitiveness last year.

He also called for incompetent teachers to be sacked and threw his weight behind the abolition of A levels in favour of a unified qualification system embracing academic and vocational study, as planned by Labour.

Sir Geoffrey, now vice-chancellor of Exeter University, said the Government would be "sad and seriously wrong" not to invest £1 billion in local projects to increase achievement levels by 30 per cent.

His proposed ten-year programme includes cutting wastage and helping to increase the return on money spent on education by 30 per

cent. Exams should be changed so that students could take them at their own pace, rather than face major hurdles at 16 and 18, "hurdles at which so many fall or fail". Sir Geoffrey said the £1 billion should fund local projects by schools, colleges, universities and employers.

Under plans being prepared by Gillian Shepherd, the Education Secretary, schools are to be given greater freedom to select pupils by interviewing them.

The measures will be put forward later this month, along with extra powers for all schools to select more pupils by specialist ability in areas such as music, sport, drama and technology. The Times disclosed in November that Mrs Shepherd would allow schools to increase the proportion of pupils admitted.

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## Whitehall failing to detect fraud

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR civil servants were last night accused of "pathetic" financial monitoring of their departments after official figures showed that Whitehall detected just £2 million of internal fraud last year.

Even though the published figure is a record, critics believe the true level of fraud may be as high as £80 million. Government departments are responsible for £500 billion of expenditure and receipts a year.

Three-quarters of the fraud was reported by just four departments: Defence, Transport, Social Security and the Foreign Office. Of 58 central government bodies questioned, more than half claimed to have experienced no fraud at all.

The Department of Health reported just £14,000 of fraud in all of its agencies, while the Board of Trade, one of the

largest and most sprawling of government departments, reported only £99 of fraud.

Wide discrepancies were found in the way departments register fraud. Some departments report fraud to the Treasury only when the perpetrator is caught. Others have still failed to implement an anti-fraud strategy as demanded by the Treasury two years ago.

The published figure is "tip of a very large iceberg", Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman said. "I just do not find the figures believable. Some departments clearly need to shake up their controls." He called for an immediate inquiry.

Further Parliamentary answers have disclosed that civil servants and contractors were caught making off with £124,700 in 1994-95. Only £57,000 has been recovered.

## Tory Right decries Left's 'foolish' agenda

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

"full panoply" of the welfare state, a liberal penal policy which they hope will reform criminals, as open door to immigrants as possible and ever closer moves to full European union.

For Mr Major to respond to the defections by making concessions in those directions would be the most foolish possible reaction because it is not what the people want, he says. The Prime Minister should say what the majority of the people want to hear him say on a single currency — that he cannot conceive of a Tory government ever surrendering political sovereignty in that way.

Sir George's intervention

renewed outbreak of in-fighting following Miss Nicholson's departure and Labour challenged the Tories to call the Staffordshire South East by-election.

William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary, called for unity after it was confirmed that the centre-left MacLeod group of Tory MPs, which claims 50 members, said it was bringing forward detailed policy plans. But Mr Waldegrave, insisting that the Conservative Party was a "broad church", said on BBC radio: "I do not think it is very sensible of people, in what might conceivably be an election year, to be challenging people in their own party."

Peter Temple-Morris, chairman of the MacLeod group, denied planning a left-wing manifesto: "We are trying to be more vigorous in producing one nation views within the Conservative Party. We don't want to give the impression of sitting on top of the opposite hill flying the Jolly Roger."

But the centre-left renewed its attack on Michael Portillo for his criticisms of Miss Nicholson. They said he risked turning "a crack in the party into a crevasse". Mr Portillo, on a visit to the Philippines yesterday, said that Mr Major would not be swayed "by the disloyal actions of a few who choose to cut and run to other parties".

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Gardiner: attacks wets over one nation ideal  
 came as the Tory Left risked further turmoil by confirming plans to publish its own policy agenda next month. senior ministers voiced alarm at the level that would sustain the

Teenager recovers from coma after taking tablet and drinking too much water



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Doctors feared that Helen Cousins would die after she drank at least seven litres.

## Boy dies 10 days after dog attack

BY ADAM FRESCO

A BOY aged 11 mauled by two rotweilers after he climbed into a neighbour's yard died yesterday. Doctors had been treating David Kearney's injuries for ten days.

His parents had stayed at his bedside over Christmas as they prayed for him to pull through, but on Monday he suffered a massive heart attack. He developed a blood clot and his kidneys failed. It was then that his parents allowed doctors to switch off his life-support machine.

His father was at his bedside as he died. Kevin Kearney said: "His little body had gone to the stage where it couldn't take any more."

The attack happened on the night before Christmas Eve. The boy climbed into a yard near his home in Darwen, Lancashire, to fetch a football. He was mauled for 15 minutes.

When he was taken to the Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Manchester, for emergency surgery, his left leg had to be amputated just above the knee.

Kevin Turner, owner of the dogs, had them destroyed after the attack. Police said no action was expected to be taken against Mr Turner, but that a file would be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service.

The boy's uncle, Robert Kearney, 48, said: "His mother, Margaret, said her goodness and just wanted to remember him as he was. Her heart is broken, but she's just trying to get on with things."

## Briton plunges to his death over Victoria Falls

BY MICHAEL HORNELL

A BRITISH tourist has plunged 100 metres to his death over Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Jonathan Rodwell, 30, lost his footing during a guided tour across a shallow tributary of the Zambezi and fell into fast-flowing water which carried him away before a friend could help him.

He was said to have slipped while using stepping stones to return from a viewing platform to the nearby Ilala Lodge Hotel on Boxing Day. Mr Rodwell, a single man from York, was carried swiftly over the edge and plunged into the Boiling Pot at the foot of the Falls.

The dead man's father John Rodwell, 61, said at the family home at Poppleton, North Yorkshire, that he was waiting for the body to be released. It will be flown home with the assistance of the British High Commission in Harare and an inquest will be held in York.

Mr Rodwell said: "We are dealing with affairs as best we can. It has come as a terrible shock and we are only just getting used to it. Andy telephoned us on Boxing Day. He was very distressed."

His son, a physics graduate from Birmingham University, worked as a chartered patent agent with GEC Marconi at Chelmsford, Essex. He left Britain on December 17 for a month's tour of southern Africa. Mr Carruthers, who met the dead man at university, is remaining in Zimbabwe until his friend's body has been released.

Victoria Falls is 1.7km wide and drops 107 metres into the Zambezi Gorge with an average 550,000 cubic metres of water pouring over the edge every minute.



## Missing ingredient may control gluttons' appetite

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE prone to gluttony may be underproducing a key brain chemical, scientists said yesterday. Researchers have discovered a natural compound made by the body after a filling meal which they suspect plays a key role in controlling appetite.

Tests have found that blocking the action of the substance, which is called glucagon-like peptide 1 or GLP-1, causes rats to carry on eating even when they should be full, doubling the amounts they eat. The scientists, whose findings are published in the British journal *Nature*, believe the role of the peptide in the human body is identical to damping down appetite after a meal.

Someone who fails to produce enough might be prone to overeating and obesity.

Professor Stephen Bloom of the Hammersmith Hospital in west London said the discovery may prove important for helping to improve treatments for a range of eating disorders. "We still have to test this in humans. But I would not be surprised if the pharmaceutical industry are going hell for leather to make mimics of GLP-1," Professor Bloom said.

Fat people might soon be able to take synthetic versions of the substance, a protein hormone, after dinner to stop them seeking extra helpings or raiding the fridge. The findings have been made by a team at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School based at the hospital and Cambridge University.

Previous research has identified two substances produced in the brain linked with hunger and feeding.

Neuropeptide Y appears to

stimulate feeding whereas leptin, made by the body's white fat cells, appear to reduce overall appetite.

The new appetite suppressant is found in the brain and intestine at the end of the meal. Professor Bloom said it was likely that the body made it in response to an extension of the intestine or rising blood sugar levels due to food. "It not only stops the eating but is also involved in release of insulin to help digest food," he said.

The researchers are now trying to unravel the precise relationships between the various substances involved in appetite and stopping eating.

But they believe GLP-1 may be the most potent inhibitor of feeding yet identified.

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## Drug agencies change advice to Ecstasy users

BY JEREMY LAURANCE AND STEPHEN FARRELL

DRUG agencies are altering their advice to Ecstasy users to alert them to the danger of drinking too much water.

Yesterday a teenager who had taken the same combination of Ecstasy and huge quantities of water that killed Leah Betts on her 18th birthday awoke from a 24-hour coma. Helen Cousins, 19, a sales assistant for a financing company, was recovering in Peterborough District Hospital, Cambridgeshire, after taking the drug at a New Year's Eve party.

After the death of Miss Betts last November, the Health Department warned drug agencies to emphasise to drug users that water is not an antidote to Ecstasy but to the dehydration caused by prolonged dancing in a hot atmosphere.

The Health Education Authority, which launched its drugs campaign the week after Miss Betts died, has reprinted the leaflet it issued to teenagers to include the new warning. It says young people who use Ecstasy should drink plenty of water to replace fluid lost through sweating but should also eat salty snacks and drink fruit juice or fizzy drinks to maintain the essential mineral balance in her body.

Ecstasy can cause compulsive repetitive behaviour and users have been known to

drink up to 20 litres of fluid or smoke 100 cigarettes in a matter of hours. The drug also triggers the release of a hormone that slows down the action of the kidneys, preventing the body eliminating the excess fluid and leading to "water intoxication".

This happens when a person drinks so much water that the blood becomes diluted and water is sucked into the brain under osmotic pressure, causing it to swell. Beer drinkers who consume ten or more pints in an evening do not encounter the problem because alcohol acts as a diuretic, speeding up the action of the kidneys rather than slowing it down.

Friends saw Miss Cousins, from Werrington, a district of Peterborough, looking unwell at a nightclub shortly before midnight. They took her to a flat then to hospital where she collapsed unconscious after telling ambulance staff she had taken Ecstasy. Doctors feared for her life after finding seven litres of water in her stomach.

Her mother Janet, 51, said she was shocked to hear that her daughter had taken Ecstasy, and friends said it was the first time she had taken the drug. "Helen is our only child and we are totally devastated by what has happened. She is a pretty girl, bright and bubbly who has many friends

take anything for granted. It doesn't matter who you are and how safe you think your daughter is, they are not."

The parents of Leah Betts sent a message of sympathy and support to Mr and Mrs Cousins. Leah's father Paul, a retired policeman, said: "It makes me wonder if we are getting through at all."

Video footage from the nightclub is being examined by detectives to establish if the drug was supplied inside. Partygoers were searched for drugs and the club recently brought in a members-only rule so police know who was in the club at the time.

Doctors treated Miss Cousins by stimulating the water flow through her kidneys slowly to correct the sodium level. However, the risk to Ecstasy takers comes in using the drug, not in trying to combat its effects.

Dr Michael Dronfield, consultant physician at Peterborough District Hospital, said: "Our body isn't meant to dance all night. The Ecstasy prevents you feeling fatigued when you should be taking a rest. It is almost certainly nonsense that these drugs are contaminated. People put that around to make it sound like Ecstasy is safe, but basically Ecstasy is intrinsically unsafe."

Doctors expect Miss Cousins to make a full recovery without any permanent damage to her kidneys.

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## Hi-tech thieves raid BA offices

By HARVEY ELLIOTT  
AIR CORRESPONDENT

THIEVES have stolen the memory chips from nine personal computers in British Airways' London headquarters.

The robbery, which was discovered on Boxing Day by a security guard on a routine tour of the Berkeley Square offices, is thought to have been carried out on Christmas Day. Computers throughout the offices, including those of the chairman and chief executive, were broken into.

It soon became apparent that no sensitive information had been taken and that the thieves were targeting the hardware, which has a high resale value. BA immediately replaced the chips at a cost of £200 each.

"It would appear we have become the latest victim of computer chip crime," a BA spokeswoman said last night. "Fortunately no information was taken and we were able to replace the chips quickly."

British Airways, which is the 13th biggest user of computers in Britain, was one of a group of companies that joined a number of police forces to create an action group aimed at finding ways of curbing computer crime and protecting high value chips.

Computer chips valued at more than £30,000 were stolen during a raid on the headquarters of Berkshire County Council in Shire Hall, Reading, discovered yesterday. The thieves forced open a rear window on Tuesday night.

BY ADRIAN LEE

A CHIEF constable called for his officers to be armed with pepper or CS sprays yesterday after a vicious attack that left a young policewoman with a fractured skull. WPC Vanessa Greening, 22, and a colleague, PC Jon Jackson, 30, were beaten with an iron bar and a sledgehammer early yesterday when they tackled six burglars in the King's Heath area of Birmingham.

PC Jackson was also attacked with a knife, prompting the Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Sir Ronald Hadfield, to call for better protection for police. He said he feared that one of his officers would be killed, despite an amnesty to encourage knives to be surrendered.

PC Jackson, a married man who has four years' service, was attacked when he confronted the gang and left lying helpless on the ground. WPC Greening, an officer for two years, went to his help and was beaten outside the house on the Branksome estate. She managed to radio for help and the police control room listened as the attack continued.

PC Jackson, who needed six stitches in an arm wound, was discharged from hospital yesterday. He watched as the gang rounded on his partner. "I have spoken to Vanessa briefly and the injuries she has sustained are diabolical. It was just shock and horror when I saw what was going on. I couldn't believe it. "I am still very shaken and a little bit stiff. I have been

involved in a similar incident before but, at the end of the day, this was the result of being a working police officer. A job I enjoy."

WPC Greening, who is single, was too badly injured to talk from her bed at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, where her condition was said to be comfortable. Her father, also a police officer, said he was shocked by the injuries suffered by his daughter.

Inspector John Greening, 43, said: "She is as well as can be expected and her head is very painful. This was an unprovoked attack and it just shows what young officers have to go through every day on the streets."

"I have had 20 years in the service and what I am seeing now is that there are more and more of these incidents taking place."

The chief constable said: "My officers are protected by a

baton and that's it. The next step is firearms. I think one of the answers in the slow and almost unending march to arming police officers is to give them incapacitants. I would personally prefer to see the use of pepper spray, which I know has worked well in the United States, rather than CS gas."

He said there was an urgent need for action. "My fear is that it will take the death of an officer before a decision is reached. There could easily have been a murder inquiry going on today. We ask a tremendous amount of our officers to put them out on the streets unarmed where, apart from their strength and bravery, they have very little to protect them."

He said other chief constables supported his view but political and medical opinion was delaying action. Police were last night questioning a number of men about the assault.

Pepper sprays were considered by the Home Office and widely supported by police but abandoned after fears that their use could lead to serious injury or death. Instead the Home Office decided to test CS sprays. These have also run into difficulties after a London police inspector received serious eye injuries after taking part in a course before their issue. The sprays could finally be issued for testing on the beat later this year after work to modify the propellant.

PC Jackson: needed six stitches in arm wound



Chief constable says police need pepper sprays after sledgehammer assault

## Burglars fracture WPC's skull as she defends colleague

BY ADRIAN LEE



WPC Vanessa Greening, recovering in hospital after the gang of six attacked her

## Woman stabs four in knife rampage

By BILL FROST

FOUR people suffered serious stab wounds yesterday when a woman went on the rampage at a jobcentre with knives and screwdrivers.

Police officers dragged the woman screaming from the scene at Bexleyheath, south-east London, as bystanders rushed to help one of the injured, a man with a carving knife embedded up to the hilt in his head. Simon Bridge, 24, an electrician from Welling, London, was at the jobcentre in search of work. Police said later that the blade had bounced off his skull and lodged in his scalp.

Two women, also with stab wounds to the head, and a jobcentre employee with deep cuts to his arm and chest were admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup. The man was recovering last night after surgery. Scotland Yard would not comment on a report that the woman had visited the jobcentre on Tuesday and was angry that her Giro payment was not ready the following morning.

Acting Sergeant Ian Wheeler, one of the first on the scene, said: "The woman had at least two knives and two screwdrivers and I understand there may be more. There was lots of blood." He said the man wounded in the head was "conscious and talking" when police arrived. He added: "The knife was sticking out at an angle. The man was calm but then he hadn't seen himself." There had been about 30 people in the jobcentre.

Martin Richardson, 27, a witness, said: "I saw the woman put in a van and she had a smile on her face."

A 27-year-old woman was in police custody last night.

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## Psychological society

### Wives suffer more after redundancy

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE wives of company executives who lose their jobs suffer greater depression than their redundant husbands, according to a study. The era of the Dumpie (downwardly mobile professional) is leaving a trail of domestic unhappiness in its wake as wives provide succour for their discarded husbands but find no one to turn to themselves.

Senior managers offered counselling to find another job were protected from feeling depressed. But their partners felt more strain, especially if they had a job, but were not offered help.

Anne Johnson, senior lecturer in psychology at Chester College, interviewed 32 executives made redundant from their jobs who were on so-called outplacement counselling programmes. The men, including former chief executives, financial controllers and accountants who used to earn an average of £53,000 a year, attended the offices of an outplacement company every day in their search for a new job which helped to give them a new life.

The men were aged 45 on average and had been employed by their previous organisation for 13 years. Their female partners were 43 and 60 per cent were employed outside the family home.

None of the families faced immediate financial difficulties or was having to change their lifestyle to survive as a result of the redundancy. But the wives coped less well than their husbands.

Presenting her results to the British Psychological Society's annual occupational psychology conference in Eastbourne yesterday, Ms Johnson said: "The women felt isolated and needed some informal support to turn to for help. Some I interviewed were experiencing borderline depression and a high level of anxiety." She called on the Government to recognise that the families of people made redundant need help.

All the interviewed executives, who were given pay-offs of up to £95,000, said they turned to their wives for emotional support, whereas 12 per cent of the women said they turned to their husbands.

"Families tend to be isolated from each other during unemployment and outplacement consultancies could do much to reduce the strain by providing support through individual counselling and forums for partners to meet and share their experiences," she said.

## Firms must avoid culture of blame

By OUR HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

COMPANIES hoping to succeed must tolerate mistakes by senior managers or risk stifling innovation and producing a "blame culture", psychologists said yesterday.

Fear of making mistakes discourages experimentation and leads to unimaginative thinking. If managers are encouraged to think creatively and find different ways of doing things they are bound to make mistakes, the psychologists from Oxford said.

A study of mistakes made by 230 senior figures in business and politics shows they are an essential part of learning. The results provide support for the views of Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, who said he would not employ a senior manager unless he had made some big mistakes.

The commonest mistakes identified by the team, from the occupational psychology firm Pearn Kandola who



Gates: defends those who make mistakes

presented their findings to the British Psychological Society yesterday, involved handling information.

Tim Payne, a researcher, said: "If people are going to innovate, mistakes are unavoidable. If management come down like a ton of bricks it can have a devastating effect on people. They should say 'let's sit down and see what we can learn from this'."

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Geographers' conference

## Academics prepare to ditch Shell as sponsor

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

GEOPHYSIERS are urging their professional body to dump the Shell oil company as a patron because of its environmental record in Nigeria. On Friday, the geographers will debate a motion at their annual conference that calls upon the Royal Geographical Society, which recently merged with the Institute of British Geographers, to end Shell's role as a corporate patron.

Shell International is understood to have contributed about £40,000 in sponsorship and is one of only four main sponsors of the merged body. The resolution, which is likely to win the support of many academic geographers, will be proposed by Dr David Gilbert of Royal Holloway College, London. He says that geographers have followed events in Nigeria, including the execution of the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa, with "alarm, horror and anger".

The execution of Saro-Wiwa and other activists followed campaigns they led against environmental damage to the Ogoni region of the Niger delta. Shell has been especially culpable, Dr Gilbert says, being guilty of indiscriminate flaring of gas, building high-pressure pipelines across valuable land, and land and water pollution from leaking pipelines.

He adds that Shell has close ties to the "murderous" Nigerian Government and it is unethical for the geographers' body to gain from the profits of the "exploitation, repression and suffering" associated with Shell's activities in Nigeria.

The geographers' council, aware that the issue would be debated at this week's conference at the University of Strathclyde, has already taken steps. Dr Tim Unwin, also of Royal Holloway College and the secretary of the society's research and higher education committee, said that it had started a review of corporate sponsorship, chaired by Sir Crispin Tickell, a vice-president, and would hold a symposium later this year to debate the environmental impact of international companies in the Third World.

"Shell is very keen and willing to contribute to the debate," Dr Unwin said yesterday. "The danger of this motion is that we risk making decisions before considering all the issues."

Among academics, Shell is unlikely to win the day but there may be more sympathy among the rest of the 13,000 members for the difficulties it faces. Some academics are uneasy about the debate, because it may open a rift between them and the rest of the membership, only recently reformed after 60 years of separation. The institute was formed as a breakaway from the Royal Geographical Society in 1933 and the two bodies have a history of different practices.

Representatives of the society are anxious to make clear that the council was not endorsing or criticising Shell, but merely wanted the matter discussed openly.

**Recycling paper 'causes more harm than good'**

By OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

PEOPLE who believe that are doing the earth a favour by recycling paper could be doing themselves, the annual conference of British geographers was told yesterday.

Dr Lyndhurst Collins of Edinburgh University said that the arguments that had persuaded people of the virtues of recycling paper and packaging had not been based on sound scientific evidence. Paper waste would often be better burnt as fuel than recycled, he said.

Some countries, including the United States and Germany, have imposed tough rules on recycling which had brought absurd results, he said. Because American rules insist that 40 per cent of new paper must consist of recycled material, Canadian manufacturers have to import waste paper from the United States and incorporate it into new paper to meet standards.

Dr Collins said Sweden faced the same problem. To export paper to Germany, Sweden had to import waste paper to make new and transport costs alone made the policy wasteful, he said.

**Scientist dismisses ice-sheet theory**

By NIGEL HAWKES

FEARS that global warming could melt the East Antarctic Ice Sheet are based on a misunderstanding, the conference was told.

Professor David Suggen said that the fear had arisen because the remains of microscopic marine plants normally found only in the sea had been identified in rocks in the mountains of Antarctica. Some scientists had argued that these tiny plants, dated to the Pliocene period three million years ago, must have grown in open seaways in the interior of the continent when Antarctica was free of ice and had survived much greater shifts in climate.



Olivier as Richard III: he was an energetic letter writer

## Olivier papers reveal a compulsive hoarder

LAURENCE OLIVIER could not bear to throw anything away, according to the former theatre critic who has been appointed to write the first official biography.

Derek Granger, who became a close friend of Lord Olivier in the 1930s and who has been granted access to his papers, said the actor was a compulsive hoarder. "Olivier was a man who kept everything — old driving licences, steamboat tickets, veterinary prescriptions for ailing kittens, seed catalogues, recipes for his Othello's all-over body make-up, the pedigrees of his dairy herd at Notley Abbey."

Mr Granger is ploughing through mountains of paperwork for the book, which will be published in autumn next year with the support of the Olivier estate and the actor's widow, Joan Plowright. He is also receiving help from the family of his second wife, Vivien Leigh.

Unpublished letters from theatrical contemporaries such as Ralph Richardson, Noel Coward and Alec Guinness are contained in the extensive archive. There is also private correspondence from Diana Cooper, Somerset Maugham and Ms Leigh who, in a rare moment of domesticity, leaves a note for Olivier before he leaves his London home for the country: "Darling, don't forget the potted plant and the summer pudding in the larder."

Mr Granger was a theatre critic on a Brighton news-

paper in the 1950s until Olivier recommended him as the first theatre critic of the *Financial Times*. He is still unearthing documents.

"Recent finds have been in the loft of a Sussex cottage and in a bramble-grown, mouse-infested farmyard barn. They include the touching last letters written to him by his mother before she died when Olivier was 12, and a batch of censored wartime letters from Vivien Leigh when she was entertaining the Eighth Army during an Ensign tour in North Africa."

During the tour, she wrote of the excitement of sleeping in a bed once occupied by a German general.

Olivier was an intimate and prodigiously energetic letter writer. "Letters to actors, playwrights, directors, family and friends run like a thread through his correspondence," Mr Granger says. "In one letter, I think he has given up every single pleasure including drinking for a season at the National. He added: "In another to a playwright who was late in sending a script, he included a typewriter ribbon to speed him along."

In a letter to Noel Coward in Jamaica, Olivier writes that Dame Edith Evans refused to leave her lines in a London production of his play, *Hay Fever*. "Noel was a great

disciplinarian who liked every word perfect in rehearsals," Granger said. "And he received a horrifying letter from Olivier just before setting off for London which says: 'I have failed to impress on Dame Edith Evans that she has to learn her lines.'

In another handwritten note to the playwright Christopher Fry, Olivier suggests that Rex Harrison is struggling to master a part in one of his plays, and he implores Fry to make changes to accommodate the actor. "I do wish sometimes that you had been an actor to understand what they sometimes face."

Mr Granger says the archive confirms that Olivier's relentless work schedule severely affected his health. "In one letter, I think he has given up every single pleasure including drinking for a season at the National. He added: "In another to a playwright who was late in sending a script, he included a typewriter ribbon to speed him along."

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Maugham: letters to Olivier in the archive



Cooper: another who wrote to the actor



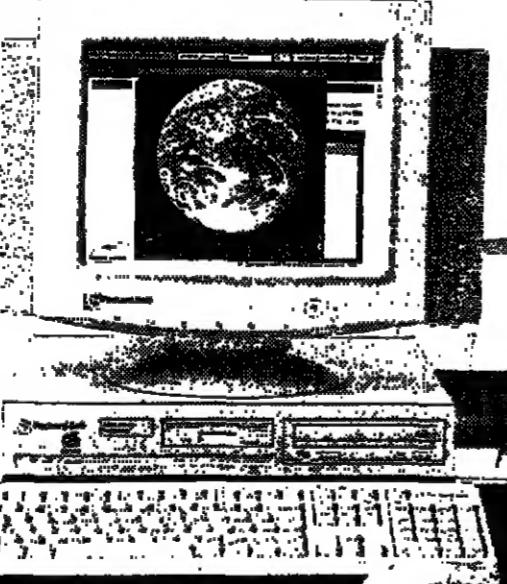
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**Inspector finds fresh chickens unfit to eat**

By ROBIN YOUNG

CHICKENS sold as top quality in leading supermarkets are often unfit to eat and liable to cause food poisoning, the Consumers' Association says.

Researchers for the association's *Which?* magazine bought 26 samples of Class A fresh chickens and chicken portions from seven supermarkets in London. Nine were condemned as unfit for sale by a former poultry inspector.

Several birds had been so poorly gutted that testicles, intestines, windpipes and in one case a rectum had been left inside.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said the company was discussing the findings with its suppliers "to ensure our high standards are achieved."

Asda said: "There is amazingly little comment from the public about fresh chickens, so we believe most people must be generally very satisfied."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said that chickens as described in the *Which?* report would pose no threat to public health provided they were handled and stored hygienically and cooked properly.

## Woman recovers after five years in vegetative state

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A YOUNG woman who suffered severe brain damage in a car accident five years ago, and was left in a persistent vegetative state, has recovered and been discharged from hospital.

The case of the 18-year-old American, who showed no responses for more than a year after the accident, could reopen the debate about patients in persistent vegetative state who have been allowed to die.

In Britain, the courts decided that feeding could be withdrawn from Tony Bland, a victim of the 1989 Hillsborough football stadium disaster, who was in a vegetative state for four years. Similar cases since then have included that of a 27-year-old Welshman who suffered brain damage after a dental anaesthetic in 1991 and was allowed to die last year.

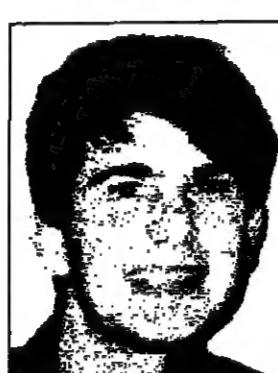
Doctors argue that the condition of patients who show no awareness of their surroundings and no response to commands for a year can be regarded as irreversible. The American Academy of Neurology says a vegetative state can be considered permanent if it lasts for 12 months or more.

The first, tiny responses from the 18-year-old, whose

case is reported in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*, were noted by staff 15 months after she was admitted to hospital in Austin, Texas. She was treated with drugs and within weeks was answering questions with eye blinks. She wrote "Mom, I love you."

Three years after the accident she was communicating, using eye blinks for "yes" or "no", and after five years was mouthing words and phrases. She was allowed to go home after five years and three months.

The term persistent vegetative state was coined more than 20 years ago by Professor



Bland: allowed to die after Hillsborough

Dr Keith Andrews, medical director of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in Putney, southwest London, which specialises in the treatment of patients in a vegetative state, said medical staff tended to be too negative about what patients could achieve because few had enough experience to detect responsiveness.

"You have got to give patients the chance to live before you give them the chance to die," he said. "If they are paralysed and can't speak it is difficult to detect any communication."

However, the cases in which the courts had allowed patients to die had been hopeless. "I assessed most of them and all the ones I have seen I have been satisfied that they were really vegetative and had no chance of recovery."



Caitriona and Marianne White leaving for their first day at school yesterday

**Twins born a month apart join same class**

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWINS born within minutes of each other in different educational years have won their fight to join the same class. Caitriona and Marianne White were born 19 minutes apart but education officials insisted they be put in different years at school because Caitriona was born in August and Marianne in September.

After a four-year battle, the twins' mother, Bernadette, 35, was told that the girls could start in the same class at school in Streatham, Greater Manchester, yesterday. Mrs White, a mother of five, gave birth to Caitriona at 11.45pm on August 31, 1991, and Marianne at 12.04 on September 1. She said: "It's a victory for common sense and twins across the country. Twins should never be split up just because of a 19-minute difference in birth times."

The girls will be the youngest pupils at St Theresa's Roman Catholic Primary School after Mrs White and her husband Martin, a computer consultant, were allowed to register both births on August 31.

Jackie Butler, of the Twins and Multiple Births Association, said: "Families can face problems when they try to ensure their children will stay together but the very important bond between twins should be respected."

## Chemists 'selling unsuitable drugs' over the counter'

By A STAFF REPORTER

Two drivers were injured when a man aged 78 drove south for four miles on the northbound carriageway of the M45 in thick fog, forcing other cars off the road before realising his mistake as he headed towards the M1. The man, from Blisworth, Northamptonshire, was being interviewed by police yesterday.

### Coach deaths

A coach driver has been summoned on 12 counts of causing death by dangerous driving after an M4 crash during a Royal British Legion outing. Stephen Brown, 39, is due to appear before Bristol magistrates on January 16.

### Girl stabbed

Police questioned a girl aged 15 after another girl was stabbed in the back during an argument over a boyfriend at Grimethorpe, South Yorkshire. Last night, Victoria Parkin, 16, was in intensive care with a punctured lung.

### Solar lighthouse

The last keepers will leave the Hanovis lighthouse, near Guernsey, today when it becomes Britain's first offshore beacon to run on solar power. Automation is expected to save £894,000 over the 15-year life of the new equipment.

### Worldwide alert

Internet addiction could become as damaging as alcohol or drug abuse, says Dr Mark Griffiths, a psychologist at Nottingham Trent University who has found children spending 14 hours a day on the worldwide computer system.

failing to protect consumers from the dangers of over-the-counter drugs. Unfortunately the service is still not up to scratch, despite pharmacists promoting their advisory role. Some staff haven't even got to grips with the basics.

"Our findings on the sale of Nurofen are particularly worrying. This is such a common drug that we were appalled at how many pharmacies sold it without vital safety checks," she said.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society said in some cases the criticisms were misplaced — the pharmacists concerned had acted properly in all the circumstances. But it was concerned about the cases where pharmacists appeared to ask no questions at all of people buying medicines.

"It is pharmacists' responsibility to ensure that only appropriate products are supplied and that the customer knows how to use such products safely and effectively," said the society. "Where necessary the pharmacists should, of course, refer a patient to a medical practitioner."

"The society is working hard to improve the level of service provided by pharmacists through the introduction of professional guidelines on the procedure to follow when medicines are sold. Some pharmacists seeking to implement the society's guidelines, however, meet with resistance and in some cases even hostility from some customers who do not wish to discuss their symptoms."

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## Is this why the Wise Man brought myrrh as a gift?

By NICK NUTTALL  
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE mystery of why the Wise Man brought myrrh to the birth of Christ may have been solved by scientists who have isolated two painkilling compounds from the substance, a resin from a north African shrub.

Researchers said it raised the tantalising notion that the kings brought at least one gift not for the Son of God but to ease the labour pains of the Virgin Mary. A spokesman for Church House in London said yesterday: "If that were the case it would have been of little use. They were a bit late and He was already born."

Myrrh, a natural compound extracted from a group of tropical shrubs called *Commiphora*, has been linked with perfumery, embalming and medicine since the Ancient Egyptians. Hippocrates, the Greek doctor, recommended myrrh for sores and the Romans

used it for treating mouth and eye infections.

According to St Mark's Gospel, a myrrh wine called "vīnum murrānum" is offered by the soldiers to Christ before the Crucifixion. But the new research is the first to confirm scientifically that the resin made of essential oil, water soluble gums and alcohols, can actually kill pain, and to define the substances in-



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Growing demand for a by-election creates split between activists and ordinary voters

## Nicholson should resign and fight, say constituents

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

CONSTITUENTS of Emma Nicholson gave clear backing yesterday to demands that she should stand down from Parliament and face a by-election after her defection from the Tories to the Liberal Democrats.

Although activists in both parties are unhappy at the prospect, voters in the Devon West and Torridge constituency—including her supporters—believe the MP should face the electorate.

Their demands were backed by a Westcountry TV telephone poll which found that 72 per cent of its 4,000 callers believe that the MP should resign.

The result is a dilemma for Paddy Ashdown. While the Liberal Democrat leader and Miss Nicholson have indicated their support for a by-election, if widely demanded by local people, it would anger local Liberal Democrat activi-

sts. They are in the middle of selecting a new parliamentary candidate and would oppose any attempt by the national party to impose Miss Nicholson on them.

Members of the seven-strong shorthorn, who are being interviewed this weekend, have already voiced their concern.

John Rawlinson, the local Liberal Democrat chairman, said a by-election would be awkward.

"We are not really in favour of a by-election at the moment," he explained. "We are supposed to be a democratic party but to impose a candidate on the local party would be very difficult to accept."

Nicholas Waterhouse, the party's constituency secretary, said: "A by-election would be particularly pointless and unconstructive."

Local Tories, who have already begun the process of selecting a new candidate, are

equally concerned. Margaret Taylor, the Conservative Association chairman, said she would not welcome a by-election. While she understood the demands being made by Tory MPs, they had to recognise the practical difficulties of a by-election so close to a general election.

"If people start clamouring for one, then one might begin to feel something should be done. But it is up to Miss Nicholson," she said.

Mrs Taylor said her members were still bewildered by the affair. "The fact that they elected a Conservative but now have a Liberal Democrat is very hard for them to understand. I fail to understand how anybody could change their long-held views in matter of two or three weeks."

We had had several visits from Cabinet ministers recently and at each event she made a speech telling us how



Dame Margaret Fry, left, says: "Go for it". Margaret Taylor, centre, says a poll on Nicholson, right, is impractical

splendid John Major and the Government were."

However, Dame Margaret Fry, president of the local Tory Association, said she would welcome a by-election. "We are quite happy to go for it and we will win it. You have got to do the honourable thing at a time like this."

Miss Nicholson has a majority of 3,614 in the West Country constituency, which incorporates the fishing community of Bideford, central market towns, and the sparsely populated Western reaches of Dartmoor. Yesterday, many

were still stunned by the weekend defection. One pub even had burnt an effigy of Miss Nicholson at its new year celebration, when locals traditionally set light to an "ashen faggot" of ash and hazel twigs.

In Okehampton, one of the main market towns, voters clearly backed a by-election. Terry Miller, 44, who works in a car parts shop, said: "I think she should stand down. She is not actually representing the Tory party at present. It's not fair on the Tories, and it's not fair on the Liberals because they didn't vote for her."

Paul Chaudoin, 59, owner of a bone china shop, said: "I think it would be a marvellous gesture if she put her money where her mouth is and stood down to be re-elected."

Barry Evans, 53, a retired policeman, said: "I think she was a little presumptuous in thinking that she would win. She should give us the chance to prove her wrong."

Peter Morley, a pet shop owner, added: "She should resign the seat but I think she would win it back again as a Liberal Democrat."

Even in Miss Nicholson's home village of Winslade there were calls for her to

stand down. Leon Hunt, 63, a retired college lecturer, said: "She's been elected as a Tory here and she should not be allowed to cross the floor. She should not represent the area unless she has held a by-election."

Eamon Duffy, landlord of the Winkley Hotel, said: "Anybody who crosses the floor should stand down." Mike Childs, a local motor dealer said: "I think she is quite a good MP despite what people have said, but she should stand down."

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

## Blair takes his trade pledge to Far East

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

TONY BLAIR will take a message that he has changed the Labour Party for good to the Far East today. On a trip to Japan and Singapore the Labour leader is planning to tell industrialists and politicians that Labour is unhesitatingly a "pro-free trade party".

Mr Blair, who is travelling to Japan after a Christmas holiday in Australia, is determined to use the visit to increase his international stature and to enhance the impression that Labour is preparing for government.

In a speech to the Japanese CBI tomorrow Mr Blair is expected to claim that Britain under Labour will be a better bet for inward investment by Far East companies. He will assure government ministers and leaders of industry that under his government there would be no going back to punitive rates of taxation or the bureaucratic rigidities of state control.

While Mr Blair is in Japan Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will be in Washington for talks with senior members of the Administration, spelling out Labour's economic approach.

## Euro-sceptics see defection as huge irony

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

EMMA NICHOLSON'S claim that she has deserted the Tories because of their stance on Europe is viewed with massive irony on the Conservative Right. It comes at a time when the Right believes it is being outmanoeuvred in the Cabinet, particularly by Kenneth Clarke.

John Major's decision at the Madrid summit to use a BBC interview to rule out a Tory manifesto pledge keeping Britain out of a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament is laid firmly at the Chancellor's door by his Euro-sceptic enemies.

The Prime Minister is known to have been toying with the idea of the manifesto pledge during the Conservative conference last October. It would have been eagerly supported by ministers such as Michael Howard, Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley.

But Mr Clarke and Michael Heseltine were strong advocates of leaving open the Government's options, and they held sway. It was Mr Clarke, at a press conference in Madrid, who first ruled out the pledge, although Mr Major had gone close in the Commons two weeks before.

What came as even more of a surprise to the Tory Right was Mr Major's declaration in the Commons after the summit that a Maastricht treaty rule that would have prevented Britain joining a single currency on January 1, 1999, no longer applied. Under Maastricht, a country could

not join a single currency unless it had rejoined the exchange-rate mechanism, which Britain left in 1992, and served a further two years in.

But to the chagrin of Labour as well as Tory sceptics, Mr Major said the rule no longer applied because the ERM as constituted at the time of Maastricht no longer existed.

According to well-informed sources the Cabinet had never been told of this change, and Mr Major's words took some Cabinet ministers aback. The significance was not lost on them. The old rule would have prevented Britain being among the first group of single currency members. The fact that it was no longer operative had at least made it possible for it to go in from the start.

The Euro-sceptics believe that Mr Major is now almost certain to pledge a referendum on a single currency. But they believe that the price for Mr Heseltine's and Mr Clarke's agreement will be an understanding that the Cabinet of the time would be bound by any decision to go into a single currency.

If Labour wins the election, that will be not be Mr Major's problem. If, against all the odds, Mr Major is returned, at least three members of the next Tory Cabinet, Mr Howard, Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley, would find themselves with no option but to resign and campaign against a single currency in a referendum campaign.

## Time running out for a Tory revival

BY PETER RIDDLE

THE Tories have to recover further than at any time since their post-Falklands revival of 1982-83 if they are to win the next election, according to an analysis of MORI polls for *The Times*.

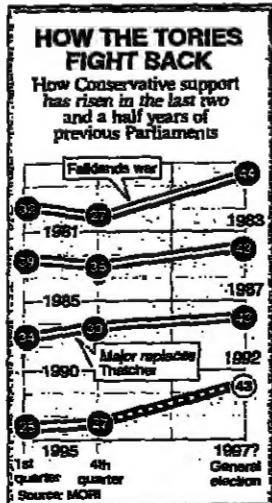
The Tories have managed only a slight recovery from previous record low levels.

Tory support in October to December last year was 27 per cent, an increase of four points since its low at the end of 1994. But the Tory vote needs to rise to about 43 per cent to be sure of re-election.

With at most 16 months to go before a general election, the Tories require a much larger recovery than the party managed in the final 18 months of the last two parliaments—of 16 percentage points compared with seven and four points.

The Tories' lowest point in the 1987-92 parliament was 34 per cent in the first half of 1990. At the end of 1990, after John Major had replaced Margaret Thatcher and during the Gulf crisis, the rating was 39 per cent, rising to 43 per cent in the April 1992 election.

In the 1983-87 parliament, the low point was 32 per cent in the summer of



1985, before the share picked up to 36 per cent 18 months before the June 1987 general election, again won with 43 per cent.

The only time when the Tories have managed a large a recovery as they now require was in 1981-83. Their rating, according to MORI, fell to 27 per cent in the final quarter of 1981. The Tories then recovered over the next 18 months to 44 per cent, though this reflected both the impact of Mrs Thatcher's leadership during the Falklands conflict and divisions in the Labour Party. Mr Major cannot count on such help.

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Bosnians accuse peacekeeping force of breaking promises

## Nato acts over 'abductions'

FROM STACY SULLIVAN  
IN SARAJEVO

NATO intervened yesterday after the alleged abduction of 16 Bosnian civilians by Serb forces in a suburb of Sarajevo threatened to undermine one of the key provisions of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace Accord.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the British commander of Nato ground forces in Bosnia, met Prstojevic Nedjeljko, the Mayor of the Ilidza suburb, to discuss the civilian disappearances after Bosnian Serb officials admitted that they had detained several people. The peace accord achieved in Dayton, Ohio, guaranteed freedom of movement for civilians throughout the country.

The Bosnian Government alleges that the 16 people were abducted as they attempted to cross a road running through the Serb-held suburb of Ilidza, which was opened to civilian traffic by Ifor, the Nato peace implementation force, two weeks ago.

The situation remained unresolved, however, as both sides gave different accounts

of events and Nato officials continued to insist that it was not within their mandate to intervene on behalf of the detainees.

The mayor said that eight people had been held, the majority of whom were in military uniform and had "penetrated deep in Bosnian Serb territory to commit criminal acts". He said that, while most had been released, three were being charged with criminal offenses. The Bosnian Serbs refused to say how many people they were holding, but said

those in custody were considered prisoners of war.

The Bosnian Government continued to demand the unconditional release of the civilians and accused Ifor of not fulfilling its promises. However, Nato officials say that there have been criminal acts of abduction that should be addressed by the appropriate civilian authorities.

William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, who was visiting Bosnia, yesterday urged that an international police force be created "as soon as possible" in Sarajevo. Mr Perry met President Izetbegovic of Bosnia in Sarajevo before heading north to Tuzla to see American troops and Nato commanders.

The Defence Secretary played down the detention of the civilians. "We have got peace breaking out. We have got Nato on the ground. I am very optimistic that this is the beginning of a new era for Sarajevo," he said.

However, he said it was important that the issue was resolved soon. "It's very important that the police force gets in and establishes as soon as possible. In the meantime,

Nato's force will do what it can."

Mr Perry was referring to a 1,500-strong international police force that will patrol the area around Sarajevo. The civilian mission, which falls under the domain of Carl Bildt, the international negotiator, has lagged behind schedule, which has contributed to the confusion over the freedom of movement issue.

Mr Bildt, who arrived in the Bosnian capital yesterday, appeared to criticise Ifor for not taking a more active role in protecting civilians. He said that until the police force arrives, "it is important that all of the available resources here are used to try to secure freedom of movement".

Two British soldiers were injured when they hit a landmine while working at a hotel complex in Ilidza. They were taken to a French military hospital and a Nato spokesman said their injuries were not thought to be life-threatening. An American soldier wounded in a mine explosion in Bosnia arrived yesterday at the US military hospital in Landstuhl, near Frankfurt.



Prstojevic Nedjeljko, left, the Mayor of Ilidza, with Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker yesterday



William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, arrives in Sarajevo yesterday

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## Wardens renew war on streets of Paris

FROM BEN MACINTYRE  
IN PARIS

### Voter sues Walesa over vow

Gdansk: A voter successfully sued Lech Walesa, Poland's former President, for failing to keep a 1990 election promise to grant Poles a piece of state assets.

A court instructed Mr Walesa to pay Jozef Gweda the equivalent of £266 in compensation because he did not deliver on the pledge. A Justice Ministry spokesman said the case only went against Mr Walesa because he chose to ignore it, and did not anticipate a flood of similar claims. (AP)

### Bomb attack on French buildings

Arnhem: A bomb rocked the French honorary consulate and a French bank in this Dutch border city in an attack that police said could be a protest against France's nuclear test programme. Nobody claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place shortly before midnight on Tuesday. Nor was anyone hurt in the incident. (AFP)

### Papandreou's kidneys harmed

Athens: Andreas Papandreou, 76, the Greek Prime Minister, who is in his seventh week in a critical condition in hospital, has suffered heavy damage to his kidneys, the latest medical bulletin said. He has been undergoing kidney dialysis for more than a month and is being kept alive by a life-support machine. (Reuters)

### Daughter killed under snowman

Zurich: A Swiss toddler, two, suffocated when her father accidentally buried her beneath a snowman he was building for children in a playground, officials said. "My husband did not see her as he made the snowman," the mother said. The child had apparently fallen asleep. (AP)

### Veiled threat

Nairobi: The Kenyan Government will allow Muslim women to wear their veils in photographs for new national identity cards after they threatened a boycott if obliged to be portrayed without them. *The Nation* reported. (AFP)

## Germany proclaims Nazi victims day

By OLIVER AUGUST

GERMANY is to have an annual day of remembrance for the victims of Nazism. President Herzog said yesterday. The date, January 27, is the anniversary of the liberation in 1945 of the Auschwitz death camp where more than a million people, mostly Jews, died in gas chambers.

"Our remembrance must not end. It must be a warning to future generations to be watchful," Herr Herzog said. "That is why it is now important to find a form of remem-

# Dole plea to end budget shutdown splits Republicans

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

**REPUBLICANS** openly split for the first time yesterday as hardline members of the House of Representatives rejected a vote by their more moderate Senate colleagues temporarily to reopen the Government while talks to resolve the budget deadlock continue.

The White House pounced on the news, blaming the House Republican leadership for the deeply unpopular shutdown that yesterday stretched into a record-breaking nineteen day and is now causing obvious hardship to millions of Americans. Mike McCurry, President Clinton's spokesman, dubbed Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and two of his fellow House leaders "the gruesome group" because "it's gruesome what they're doing to the federal workforce and to the American people".

Mr Clinton met Mr Gingrich and Robert Dole, the Senate leader, on Tuesday evening, and they were meeting again last night but, despite a small concession on capital gains tax by Mr Clinton, a swift resolution of the crisis still seemed distant.

Nine government departments and many other agencies are closed. More than 750,000 federal employees are laid off or working without pay — and that is just the tip of

the iceberg. Thousands of small contractors dependent on the Government are in financial difficulty, and government loans to new small businesses have ceased.

In addition, more than 1,000 export licence applications from high-tech companies languishing in the Commerce Department, and 120,000 passport applications have piled up at the Passport Office. National economic statistics

are not being compiled and environmental programmes have ended.

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## It's gruesome what the Republicans are doing to Americans

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## Texans rush to pack a pistol

FROM IAN BRODIE  
IN WASHINGTON

A NEW law giving Texans the right to carry a concealed gun has proved immediately popular. By yesterday more than 170,000 gun owners had requested forms for permits.

State officials estimate that eventually nearly 250,000 of the state's 12 million people over 21 will be licensed to bear hidden arms. Ronnie Foster, manager of a Houston chemical laboratory who received one of the first permits, said that whether he would carry his gun would depend on where he was going and how

late he would be out. "The opportunities to use a gun will probably be extremely low, if any," he said. "But if it is only one that saves my life, that's plenty." Others see the new law as a dim-witted throwback to frontier justice. It overturns a ban on concealed weapons that had lasted a hundred years since the end of the Civil War.

Even a state senator who helped to write the law admits he always carried a concealed weapon for personal safety. As the old saying goes, guns are pretty much the state flower of Texas. They are in half of all households and an average of

nine people a day die from gunshots in the state. The law was signed with gusto by George W. Bush, the staunchly law-and-order Governor of Texas and eldest son of the former President. He said the "self-protection act" would make Texas safer.

A concealed weapon is not much of a fashion statement, but women have been advised about fitting small revolvers into handbags. Men are said to favour the Colt 45 or Smith and Wesson 357 Magnum.

The Dallas Morning News has recalled Mae West's line: "Is that a pistol in your pocket, or are you just glad to see me?"



## Butterflies fly to doom in SNOW

— where 59 people were reported to have died — Baja California and Veracruz.

In the thick evergreen mountain forests of Michoacan, to the west of Mexico City, the monarch butterflies

normally find a temperate

climate. Despite snowfalls every four or five years, the monarchs always return. The snow that began falling at the weekend is believed to have killed between 10 and 30 per cent of the colony.

In the last big chill, in February 1992, when an estimated 70 per cent of the butterflies were killed, they bred well in the spring.

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# Rwandan troops threaten to seize aid medicines

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN aid workers were facing a showdown last night with Rwandan troops who have invaded their compound in the capital, Kigali, and threatened to carry off vehicles and medicine worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Fifteen Spanish, Belgian and Dutch employees of the medical charity, Médecins Sans Frontières, were locked in a stand-off with soldiers of the Tutsi-dominated Government, who have already stolen £300,000 of equipment from the compound, according to the aid agency. "So far there has been no violence," an official of the charity said in London. "The troops are just sitting around."

The incursion into the compound marks a new low in relations between the Rwandan Government and foreign aid agencies. The regime expelled the French arm of Médecins Sans Frontières last month with representatives of 26 other non-governmental organisations working in the country.

Frances Stevenson, who is in charge of the Médecins Sans Frontières compound in Kigali, was in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, last night. She said the soldiers inside the compound obviously planned "to try to take the remaining vehicles belonging to the French section".

The Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Government has become increasingly critical of foreign aid workers, who spend twice as much in a year as most Rwandans earn in a year on helping mostly Hutu refugees. The Rwandan Government al-

so accuses France of having backed the regime of President Habayarimana, a Hutu, who died when his aircraft was shot down over Kigali on April 6, 1994, precipitating the civil war in which Hutu extremists slaughtered more than half a million men, women and children.

The French Médecins Sans Frontières staff expelled from Rwanda said last month that one reason behind their expulsion may be that they had said "thousands" died when troops of the Tutsi-dominated army fired into Hutu refugees at the Kibeho displaced persons' camp last April. The Government put the death toll there at 300 and the United Nations came up with a figure of "approximately 2,000" after UN troops had said earlier

"yesterday's stand-off at the Kigali compound came as a French lawyer and director of legal affairs for Médecins Sans Frontières criticised the Rwandan Government and the international community for failing to resurrect the justice system in Rwanda and hold trials of those accused of genocide during the bloodbath two years ago."

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Mr Ralph, 49, is looking forward to the first time he can do what must be one of the world's more comical pieces of headgear: on Monday he will be sworn in as Governor of the Falklands. And at the end of the month he will again be in full

مذكرة الأصل



Richard Ralph, the Governor-designate of the Falklands, tries on his ceremonial hat in London yesterday. The full uniform is seen below

## Governorship is feather in one's cap

BY MICHAEL BINION, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RICHARD RALPH called on a Savile Row tailor yesterday for the final fittings for his brocade and plumed hat. The colonial Governor's uniform,

plumage to receive the Princess Royal.

A former Ambassador to Latvia, he has been promoted from Her Majesty's plenipotentiary in a country of 2.7 million to the long representative in Port Stanley, capital of a community of some 2,000 souls. There is no irony in the promotion: Mr Ralph's new job is one of the most politically charged, sensitive and vital in the Diplomatic Service. The Falklands are on the brink of extraordinary change that could transform the windswept archipelago into the Kuwait of the South Atlantic Oil exploration, soon

to begin after Britain's crucial agreement with Argentina opened the way to drilling in seas whose sovereignty remains undecided, may bring untold wealth, as well as hundreds of immigrants, to the islands.

More immediately sensitive however, is the still vexed issue of relations with Argentina. Mr Ralph, innocent of any experience in either country, insisted, in an interview with *The Times*, that though Britain's relations with Buenos Aires were warming rapidly, the islands' sovereignty is simply not for discussion.

The greater danger is that

in his other role — representing the islanders to the Government — he will go native. "But that is always the danger of any diplomat," he admitted. He will be a visible and public figure in Port Stanley, and acknowledged that both he and his wife will have to leave privacy in the bottom drawer for three years.

Mr Ralph flies out tomorrow — complete with hat. At upwards of £500, it is interchangeable only with the one worn by Lord Waddington in Bermuda and comes courtesy of the Foreign Office. There is little demand for them nowadays.



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## Ashe widow joins row over statue

FROM IAN BRODIE  
IN WASHINGTON

THE widow of Arthur Ashe, who was the first black to win the Wimbledon men's singles, has joined critics objecting to his statue being placed among Confederate heroes in Richmond, Virginia, where as a child he was banned from whites-only tennis courts.

Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe has declared that Ashe would be put beside his dream project, a proposed African-American Sports Hall of Fame. Writing in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Mrs Ashe said she did not oppose putting the statue on Richmond's Monument Avenue for racial or political reasons, but because it would honour the former Confederate capital rather than Ashe's life work. However, when Ashe died in 1993 from AIDS contracted through a blood transfusion, he had been reconciled with Richmond and agreed to be buried there.

## Hold the front page for Socrates' trial

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

PERHAPS the most peculiar newspaper in the United States is a tabloid that specialises in headlines that are not just days, but often centuries, out of date. *Old News* has built a circulation of some 34,000 paying subscribers with a diet of torrid news drawn not from the contemporary world, but from history.

Venetian Inquisitors arrest Casanova", screams one headline from 1755. "Greek philosopher faces death penalty" is how the organ flags the trial of Socrates in 399BC. "King of England tried for treason", it reports with a dateline of 1649.

The "newspaper" was founded in 1989 by the Bromer family, who had tried unsuccessfully to run an ordinary local newspaper after retiring to the Pennsylvania countryside from Manhattan.

Dr Richard Bromer, a psychologist, and his wife, Nancy, a qualified librarian, had originally tried to increase the readership of their *Susque-*

recovery in  
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## Energy booster puts ostriches on road to healthier lifestyle

FROM INIGO GILMORE  
IN CAPE TOWN

OSTRICH farmers in South Africa have turned to a nutritional supplement developed to combat fatigue in humans in an attempt to prevent the birds dying from stress-related illnesses.

A father-and-son medical team, working with researchers at the University of Potchefstroom, recently developed an energy-enhancing compound, carnitine. Although it was originally intended for human use, they now claim it will create a breakthrough in ostrich farming.

"It also enables the birds to produce more energy and resist illnesses. They are less likely to die suddenly," said Henry Davis, who pioneered the use of carnitine on ostriches with his 79-year-old father William. "This is going to make a great impact."

The farming of ostriches, although potentially lucrative, is fraught with risk as the creatures are notoriously prone to disease and suffer high levels of stress that are frequently fatal. Heavy rains that recently fell in South Africa killed thousands of ostriches in the Western Cape, the main farming area.

The animals are particularly prone to air sac infections (the equivalent of bronchitis) when they are in close proximity to each other. Ostriches are slaughtered each year for hides, feathers, and low-cholesterol meat.



Ostriches — feeling the strain in a stressful life

The ostrich trade in South Africa dates from the 17th century, when Dutch settlers exchanged the birds for tobacco and sent 12 of them as a gift to the Emperor of Japan.

Gavin Kanigowski, who owns an ostrich farm in Milnerton, near Cape Town, said: "When my birds get stressed out they run up and the fence and pull each other's feathers out. Bald birds are not much use when you are trying to sell their feathers."

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Morgan Stanley faces legal action over collapse of \$120m fund

## Bank accused of negligence by investors

By JON ASHWORTH

**MORGAN STANLEY**, the investment bank, is being sued for "gross negligence" by investors caught up in the collapse of a \$120 million fund that operated from London and Luxembourg.

The action raises questions about internal controls at the firm which last year received a record fine in London for breaches of regulatory rules.

It is an embarrassment also for Sir David Walker, chairman of Morgan Stanley Group (Europe), who is past chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the supreme City regulator. Sir David was chairman-designate at the time of the collapse.

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market in some of the fund's investments:

Valuations by Morgan Stanley in Luxembourg gave the appearance that the fund was doing exceptionally well. In reality, a disastrous investment in Italian warrants had sent values plunging.

The investors allege that an error in monthly valuations,

in particular relating to Italian telecom warrants, led to the fund being substantially overvalued. They further allege that Morgan Stanley in London used the correct valuations when assessing security for loans advanced.

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wards the end of 1994 rapidly drained resources. The fund collapsed in February last year, and only about \$26 million in cash remained once holdings were liquidated.

Geoffrey de Sibert, the former Kleinwort Benson broker who managed the fund, subsequently left the UK and is understood to be in California.

About 20 investors have joined forces in an attempt to press Morgan Stanley for compensation. They have appointed lawyers in Luxembourg and London, called in a financial investigations agency, and hired a public relations firm to co-ordinate their campaign. Rakisons, the London-based law firm, is acting for investors in the UK.

A writ was issued in Luxembourg last month accusing Morgan Stanley of "gross negligence".

A court hearing is scheduled to take place in Luxembourg tomorrow. Investors allege losses of up to \$70 million, although the writ cites a figure of \$44 million.

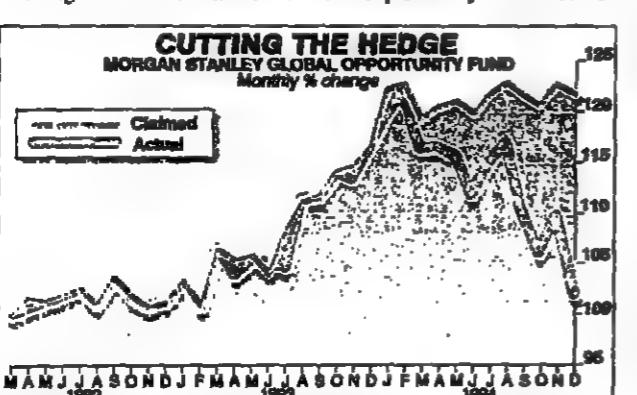
Morgan Stanley said: "We believe the claim is without merit. We intend to defend this case vigorously." The firm is expected to argue that it was the victim of a forged valuation, submitted by a third party and accepted in good faith.

The identity of the investors has not been disclosed, but many are understood to be of Middle Eastern origin. Investors in America and Europe are also involved; as are a couple of banks.

A spokesman for one investor who lost more than \$15 million in the collapse, said: "This was sold as something where you preserve capital. The money was safe. Next thing we heard the fund had collapsed. To this day, nobody has told us what happened after January 1995."



Sir David Walker: in charge of the investment bank's operations in London and Luxembourg



## Fragile recovery in UK manufacturing

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH manufacturing activity last month recovered slightly from the minor contraction recorded in November. Productivity is healthy but growth remained fragile and uneven, according to The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply.

City analysts generally concluded that the case for further base rate cuts this spring, to follow the quarter point announced on December 13, remains intact. The Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by the Institute, rose to 50.7 from 49.9 in November.

The institute said that December's reading suggested that growth was marginal and that the buoyancy seen in the first half of last year has disappeared. Peter Thomson,

Director-General of the institute, said: "This is rather sobering news for the start of 1996. Productivity is healthy but demand is static as many firms use existing stocks to meet sales."

The output index rose to 53.3 in December, the highest since April last year. But the institute said the fragility of this growth was highlighted by a deterioration in order books for the second month in a row. More positively, the institute's figures showed that inflationary pressures in industry remain subdued. The prices index fell for the second month in a row.

Britain's underlying official reserves fell by \$36 million in December.

JURORS in the Maxwell trial were told they had to be sure that the accused deliberately and dishonestly put pension funds at risk before convicting them. Suspicion alone was not enough.

Lord Justice Phillips, beginning his summing-up in the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell and Larry Trachtenberg, a former Maxwell adviser, told the seven women and five men that all three had been directors of Bishoptongate Investment Management (BIM), which administered the Maxwell pension funds. As such, they had a duty to administer the funds for the benefit of pensioners and future

pensioners. The judge said: "As directors, each had a duty to keep the pension funds safe. The prosecution say they broke that duty not negligently which would not be a crime, nor recklessly which would not be a crime, but as a result of a deliberate agreement to take part in conduct which they knew would put those funds at substantial risk and which they knew was not honest thereby committing the crime of conspiracy to defraud. You have to decide where the truth lies."

He added that there were those who said it was not a good idea for juries to try fraud cases because it was difficult for 12 ordinary men and women from various walks of life to understand

what went on in the City. He said the one great quality juries could bring was common sense.

The judge went on to tell the jurors that it was not enough to prove guilt if they considered the evidence was more likely than not to show fraud — "you can only convict if you are sure". He told the jurors to reach verdicts purely on the evidence heard in court.

Kevin, 36, denies conspiring with his father, the late Robert Maxwell, to defraud pensioners of shares worth £100 million in Sciter Corporation. With his brother, Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, he also denies conspiring to defraud pensioners of a further £22 million of shares in Teva. The trial was adjourned until today.

## You must be sure, Maxwell trial jury told

By JON ASHWORTH



Ian Maxwell and his wife, Laura, arriving at the court yesterday

A DUTCH national who earned £100,000 a year from Exxon has been sentenced to three years in prison for taking more than £1 million in bribes from Keppel Shipyard in Singapore.

Cornelis Van der Horst, 50, yesterday pleaded guilty at Southampton Crown Court to three specimen charges of corruption after a seven-month investigation by the Serious Fraud Office and Hampshire police. The charges related to £500,000, although Van der Horst, a marine engineer, admitted accepting £1.6 million in bribes for favouring Keppel in the bidding process for ship repair contracts.

The successful SFO prosecution, led by Michael Drury, centred on events that took place after Petroleum Ship-

ping Ltd (PSL) moved to Southampton from The Netherlands in September 1994. PSL, which is responsible for the management and repair of Exxon's worldwide tanker fleet, put out a tender for three ships — SS Hawaii, MV Westport and MV Nassau. In the four years to 1995, every contract was awarded to Keppel, in which the Singapore Government has a stake.

When SS Hawaii became the 27th ship in a row to be awarded to Keppel, PSL's senior management became suspicious and launched an internal investigation. Executives visited Keppel and other Singapore shipyards whose bids had been unsuccessful in the past. Their view, and that of PSL, was that Van der Horst was favouring Keppel

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## Cold comfort for water customers

FIRST, the scientific facts. Researchers have run numerous studies, using control groups and the most rigorous methodology, and they are united in their findings: there is no direct causal link between what you pay your local water company chairman and whether the stuff comes out of the taps.

Now a question. The recent cold snap was in no way abnormal, at least south of Hadrian's Wall, and was neither as deep nor as prolonged as in other winters. There have been three dozen or so other months this century that were colder than December, according to the Met Office. So why did so many of the water pipes and mains that had served the country since Victorian times give up the ghost?

The answer is, they didn't — the damage was extremely localised, while earlier cold spells had seen their own share of disruption. Contrary to public belief, water supplies in England and Wales are no less reliable than they were before the 1989 privatisation — in some areas, Thames Water, for example, spent £250 million on its much-vaunted ring-main around the capital and now guarantees that its customers will not even suffer hosepipe bans.

But other areas, such as Yorkshire during the drought and Northumbrian and North East

Water in the thaw, have suffered huge disruption. The water industry this winter is blaming cold weather conditions, a quick freeze and an even faster thaw, for so-called "ground shift".

Such conditions can cause enormous stresses. Geologists talk of pings — a good Scrabble word, that — huge malformations in the rocks in tundra regions. But Canadian experts, themselves at home in the tundra, one assumes, say much of the damage here was self-inflicted, because new pipes were laid too high in the ground.

The investment records show that total spending on water rose after privatisation only to fall more recently. Much of the money went to clean up Britain's beaches to European standards, not on the instruction of Europe, and to replace outdated water mains and pipes.

Spending on infrastructure renewals fell from a high of £430 million in 1991-92 to just £310 million last year. Of this, spending on water services last year, which includes the replacement of pipes and the improvement of leakage rates, showed a small

increase on 1993-94 but was still well below the previous year.

The damage done by the cold is most pronounced in Northern Ireland, Scotland and the area served by North East — none of which has been through the privatisation process. North East is owned by a French company, as will Northumbrian be shortly. This should strengthen the case for the privatised companies, except that it is a coincidence; those areas happen to match the worst affected parts of the weather map.

December may not have been exceptional for the century, but it was, significantly, the coldest since privatisation. There is one other factor. Water companies pressed ahead on spending on clean beaches, some quite naturally holding back on running repairs on pipes that were showing only slight leakage. Others did not. Anglian spent heavily on its pipelines, was badly hit by the cold weather, but does not appear to be suffering too much disruption to service.

This is the background to this summer's drought in some areas and the loss of supply on the

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thaw, after the first real cold snap to put a strain on the privatised system. You pay your money, you take your choice. The industry was forced to choose clean beaches.

### The PIA's rolling disclosure

THE point about the Personal Investment Authority's first report on disclosure is that there will be a second and a third, and this will in the end prove to be its most effective weapon.

The PIA, unlike several of the pressure and consumer interest groups that publish updates on the health of the personal finance industry, has nothing to prove

from taking an extremist or alarmist view.

Instead, the figures are all on paper and indisputable. The PIA's claim is that the sheer imminence of its first report and the move to full disclosure of hidden costs and commissions has already helped to prompt better practice in the industry. It has now produced tables in alphabetical order showing which are the best buys and which are the worst.

The result is a broad mix, with some of the better names and some rather more obscure ones featuring at either end of the spectrum. Some of the worst suggest what might be called the "ploughman's lunch" effect; a ploughman's lunch in marketing parlance, is an invented and bogus tradition, and many bad performers seem to have names that could have been deliberately coined to suggest some spurious reputation for long-enduring thrift.

The point is not where the names feature today, it is where they will be next year, when investors will be able to judge relative performance. There is

only one thing worse than being named as most expensive provider this year, and that is ending the year in the same slot.

### Wringing of hands over rail sell-off

THIS column has never been a friend of the two remaining big privatisations, nuclear and rail, the fag-end of a process that was admirably successful in the 1980s but should by now have been

go ahead anyway at rock-bottom prices, buyers, whether the public, City or trade purchasers, would know they could lose those assets if the next election goes against the Tories. They could not then complain.

If Labour wants to avoid the dread R word — the party is not on the record as wanting to renationalise anything, of course — then there are any number of half-way measures with the same effect. A promise to bring an Act of Parliament preventing the payment of dividends, or one introducing a levy on the business exactly the same size as those proposed dividends, for example, would make Railtrack worthless to prospective buyers.

But by standing on the track-side wringing its hands, Labour is merely forcing down the price at which the sale takes place.

### Working wage

THE ultimate in fat catery comes from the secretary who, according to a Reed survey, is looking for a salary of £2 billion in 2026. The average wage now will buy a top of the range saloon car. Compound growth rates of 5 per cent a year would push this into areas undreamt of by the privatised utilities themselves, never mind their bosses — by which time such sums will just about buy a good family car.

## Bridon shares hit by warning

By ALAN DAIR MURRAY

**BRIDON**, the wire and wire rope manufacturer, gave a warning yesterday that profits would fall short of the previous year's £10 million because of unanticipated difficulties in its foreign markets.

Shares fell 14½p to 104½p, their lowest point for more than a year, as the City reacted negatively to the statement, which follows bullish comments made at the interim stage last August.

Bridon blamed the profit warning on a significant reduction in profitability at its US subsidiary, Bridon Cordage, which was forced to match price cuts initiated by a competitor and losses at the Australian division, Birkenhead, owing to poor demand.

The company added that delays in the completion of a major bridge project and deferral of delivery of certain crane ropes and wire products into 1996 would also hit profits for 1995.

It also said that benefits from the group's manufacturing investment programme would not show through this year but will impact fully in 1996.

Ronald Petersen, chief executive, said that he was confident Bridon would meet expectations for 1996 and that the company still intends to pay a 10 per cent increase in the dividend for 1995.

The £6 million acquisition of the German wire manufacturer, Schalkeisen, will also help performance in 1996, while distribution activities continue to perform in line with expectations.

Gearing has been reduced to 30 per cent through the £25 million rights issue in August, and should be maintained. Bridon has been revitalised since Mr Petersen took over two years ago and launched a £25 million restructuring programme, moving back into the black in 1994.

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Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn EMI chairman, believes a demerger of the music and rentals businesses would be in the best interests of shareholders

## Thorn EMI likely to announce demerger soon

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

AN ANNOUNCEMENT is expected soon on the demerger of Thorn EMI, the music and rentals business, although the move has not yet been officially ratified by the board.

Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman, confirmed recently that demerger plans were on schedule.

A spokesman for the company said yesterday that an announcement was expected early in the year and that current discussions included complex tax issues raised by the separation of the music and rentals businesses.

Twenty eight tax offices deal with the various operating companies within Thorn.

Development of the businesses is continuing in spite of the expected demerger, which has been long been

heralded by the City and which Sir Colin admitted last summer would be in the best interests of shareholders.

The US operation of Thorn EMI is pursuing a buy-up programme of rental centres. Yesterday, it completed the purchases of two franchised businesses in a deal that, together with a large stock purchase, was worth £66 million.

Thorn Americas, which operates the largest rental-purchase business in North America, aims to buy 59 more stores in the Rent-A-Center range that are now run on a franchise basis.

Thorn operates 1,232 Rent-A-Center stores in the US, including the franchise businesses it is looking to buy.

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## Westinghouse sells defence division to reduce CBS debt

By ERIC REGULY

THE rapid consolidation of the American defence industry continued yesterday with the sale of Westinghouse's defence and electronics business to Northrop Grumman for \$3.6 billion.

Westinghouse said the sale will allow it to pay down 65 per cent of the \$5.4 billion debt it took on last year to acquire CBS, one of the three largest television networks. It produces radar and electronics for combat aircraft, including the F-16

fighter, the B-1B bomber and the C-30 transport. It also supplies air-traffic control radar to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Northrop Grumman, based in Los Angeles, is one of America's largest defence contractors and was formed in 1994, when Northrop bought Grumman. Later that year, the Vought Aircraft Company was added to the group.

Northrop Grumman produces

range from information systems to surveillance aircraft.

Kent Kresa, chairman and chief executive, said: "This transaction will meld into one company a growing number of high technology and high priority defence and electronic systems that are expected to be in great demand in the coming years."

The purchase leaves more defence businesses in the hands of fewer and fewer

companies. The consolidation has left Northrop Grumman, Boeing, McDonnell Douglas and Lockheed Martin, which was formed recently by the merger of Lockheed and Martin Marietta, as the leading players in the industry.

Defence industry consolidation is occurring in Europe, but at a slower pace. The biggest example was last year's merger of GEC and VSEL, the submarine maker.

Hillsdown, whose brands include Typhoo Tea and Hardey's jam, has been seek-

## Deal lifts Biocompatibles

By ROBERT MILLER

SHARES in Biocompatibles International, the biotechnology and materials company, rose 35p to 510p yesterday after a marketing agreement with Sorin Biomedica, an Italian medical products company.

The shares were placed on the stock market at 170p in April (Martin Barrow writes).

Sorin, which makes extra-

corporal medical devices for heart-bypass operations, will use Biocompatibles' proprietary phosphocholine (pc) material to coat cannulae, hollowed tubes inserted into the human body.

The agreement is for an initial five years. Dideco, a Sorin subsidiary, and its affiliates will market and pay

royalties on sales of cannulae incorporating pc in all markets, except America and Canada. An agreement for these markets is being considered.

This is the first commercial result of a two-year pact will

between Biocompatibles and Sorin to find applications for pc coatings in Dideco's devices for cardio-pulmonary procedures.

## PIA survey fuels commissions row

By ROBERT MILLER

THE debate over the huge commissions and costs associated with long-term investments such as personal pensions and endowment-linked mortgages will become even more intense as a result of the new league tables published yesterday by the Personal Investment Authority (see Pennington this page).

In its report *Life Assurance Disclosure: One Year On*, the PIA has taken publicly available information, which all life offices must declare to investors on their key features documents, and tabulated it. Four types of product that the PIA considers to be "broadly representative" for savings, mortgage repayment, personal pensions and life assurance protection are covered.

The regulator then looked at the three sales channels: independent financial advisers (IFAs), appointed company representatives who set on behalf of one company, and company

representatives, who are in effect a direct sales force. Under the disclosure rules effective from January 1 last year, all costs and benefits, including medical insurance and other perks, must be included in the calculation. The results of the survey show that the average commission per policy for the first year alone ranges from £586 for appointed reps — just £1 ahead of company reps

— to £476 for IFAs. The life offices argue that there are considerable costs involved in setting up a policy and that over the full term these expenses will average out. However, the PIA tables show that even over a five-year period very considerable sums can be deducted.

With a straightforward 10-year endowment savings plan, for example, the five-year actual deductions often exceed £1,000. With 25-year low-cost endowment policies only a handful of companies deduct less than £1,000, while at least 10 life offices are taking away more than £2,000.

The report also indicates how much the expenses are likely to damage investment payouts. Reductions in yields of up to 8.2 per cent are reported. In such cases the policy would have to make investment gains averaging more than 8.2 per cent to make any profit over the 10-year policy.

COMPANY NAME	5 Year Total deductions £	Full Term Reduction in Yield %
Old Mutual (CF)	1,890	2.1
United Friendly Insurance	1,730	2.6
Royal Insurance	1,580	2.4
Reliance Mutual	1,520	2.7
Albany Life	1,622	1.9
Abioey Life	1,480	2.1
Skandia Life	1,480	1.8
Windsor Life	1,420	2.7
Comhill Insurance	1,420	1.4
Britannia Life	1,416	1.9

Based on gross monthly premiums of £60.

Source: PIA

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Variable mortgage rates for existing borrowers will change as follows:

Barclays Mortgage Rate (Centrally administered mortgages) Interest charged monthly	Barclays Home Mortgage Rate (Branch based mortgages only) Interest charged quarterly
Old rate	
7.74%	7.74%
New rate	
7.49%	7.49%

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STOCK MARKET



PHILIP PANGALOS

## Bulls charge to push index through 3,700

SHARES in London shook off their shaky start to the new year and surged into record territory after a 60-point overnight jump on Wall Street helped to propel the FTSE 100 index up through the 3,700 level for the first time.

The City put domestic political worries about an early general election on ice for the time being. Sentiment was underpinned by a firmer pound, hopes of another interest rate cut and a premium on the March futures contract, which in turn spilled over into the cash market.

Shares were squeezed higher from the start, but a positive start on Wall Street helped to bolster sentiment further in late London trading.

The FTSE 100 index touched a new intra-day trading high of 3,719.8, before ending up 37.7 at a new peak of 3,715.6. Volume reached only 638 million shares at the official close, but swelled to 751 million after the close.

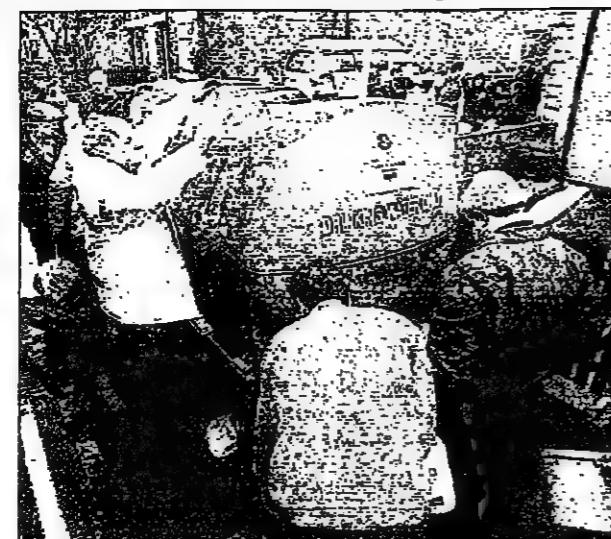
There were widespread gains amid an absence of sellers. However, water stocks failed to join in the fun, sinking on the back of fears that Olswat, the water industry regulator, may push back the compensation boundaries to include burst pipes.

Olswat has said that water companies would be liable to pay compensation to customers with interrupted supply. With the supply problems still affecting thousands of people, especially in northern England, fears heightened that compensation payments will hit the water companies' profits, depressing the sector.

United Utilities, the newly combined North West Water and Norweb, lost 15p to 594p. Severn Trent, 10p to 672p. Northumbrian Water, 1p to £1.60. South West Water, 5p to 56p. Southern, 13p to 67p. Welsh, 1p to 748p. Yorkshire, 4p to 564p and Anglian Water, 1p to 589p. Thames, depressed by negative noises from Société Générale, Strauss Turnbull, dipped 5p to 549p.

Elsewhere, ICI stood out among blue chip issues with a 32p jump to 797p after James Capel added that ICI's underperformed by about 14 per cent last year and its new recommendation fairly reflects current expectations. Zeneca added 11p to £1.63.

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speculation, with Sedgwick Group up 3p to 129p, Willis Corroon, 4p to 150p and Refuge Group, 19p to 47p. Among composites, General Accident gained 17p to 659p, Commercial Union, 2p to 622p and Royal Insurance, 10p to 392p.

Takeover speculation also fuelled rises in Lloyds Chemists, up 10p to 270p, and Royal Bank of Scotland, up 10p to 589p. Monument Oil & Gas held steady at 584p in spite of whispers that one of the majors may be interested.

Among banks, evidence of switching saw Lloyds TSB add 6p to 259p, on heavy volume of 16.5 million shares, while Barclays, boosted by a broker recommendation, gained 20p to 778p, on volume of 3.5 million. Strong overnight gains in Hong Kong helped HSBC to rise 22p to £10.27p and Standard Chartered, 16p to 57p, on volume of five million shares.

Ladbrokes, the betting to leisure group, which has been the subject of recent bid speculation, firms 2p to 158p, for a two-day gain of 12p. Bass, tipped as a possible bidder for Ladbrokes, climbed 6p to 725p, while Vaux, which has also been rumoured as a bid target for Bass, held steady at 270p.

Housebuilders were in demand as interest rate cut hopes combined with the latest survey from the Halifax Building Society showing an improvement in house prices. Barratt advanced 10p to 258p. Bellway Sp to 268p, Beazer Sp to 180p, Redrow, 7p to 142.2p, Persimmon, 6p to 21p. Wainwrights, 5p to 152p and George Wimpey, 2p to 144p.

GILT-EDGED: Weaker US bonds dented a gilt market already hit by a higher-than-expected December purchasing managers' index and continued political concerns. Shorts suffered again, with a further flattening in the short end of the yield curve. This year's first auction on January 25, will involve shorter-dated stock.

The March long gilt future lost 13 ticks to £110p/32, on volume of 40,000 contracts. Among conventional stocks, five-year issues fell by about 2p/10, while longer-dated issues lost between 2p/10 and 2p/10.

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shares retreated from earlier highs and at midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 19.15 points higher at 5,196.00. The insurance sector continued to be buoyed by bid

American demand helped Reuters climb 15p to 649p.

On the bid front, Granada, the television to leisure group, faces pressure to raise its hostile £3.3 billion bid for Forte in the wake of a punchy defence strategy from Britain's largest hotel group. Traders said that if Granada does not come back with a higher offer in the next 48 hours, people will more or less say the bid is

dead. Granada has until January 9 to increase its bid, with the closing date for the offer on January 23.

Dealers said Granada will probably have to increase its terms by about 15 per cent, to 375p for each Forte share, to be sure of success, otherwise Forte may "just about wriggle off the hook". Forte was unchanged at 343p, while

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**Last of the  
summer wine**

THE legendary wine consultant David Russell, a cousin of the Duke of Bedford and a grand and lively octogenarian, just cannot keep his feet away from the grapes.

He counts Baroness Philippine de Rothschild, owner of the famed Chateau Mouton estate near Bordeaux, among his clients, and it was only last year that he retired after 23 years as a consultant to Krug, the world's most famous Champagne house.

Clearly life without the grapes does not suit him, Russell, who once played two seasons with the Royal Shakespeare Company ("I was the first murderer in Macbeth"), has bought a 14-acre vineyard near Battle, East Sussex.

"The vineyard is well established and produces English wine, which isn't too bad. It's all a bit of fun," says Russell. And what does the Baroness think about it all? "I've told her she faces some stiff competition," he chuckles.

**Birthday bid**

WHAT is it about the Granada-Forte bid and birthdays? Gerry Robinson slapped Granada's bid on the Forte table just in time to ruin Lord Forte's 87th birthday last November. Sir Rocco's birthday — February 22 — falls in the middle of Chinese new year celebrations to mark the year of the rat. And Robinson's birth year of 1948 makes him a rat year baby. They're told, always get what they want. Is this an omen?

ASKED "who do you think is most likely to be your boss in the next Millennium?", 53 per cent of respondents to a survey for Reed Personnel Services felt this would be a man, 34 per cent a woman, and 12 per cent a robot.



"I wish to report yet another burst pipe..."

**Tree trouble?**

THE Corporation of London wants to make sure that residents and businesses avoid bad luck in 1996. The corporation is willing, until January 31, to put old Christmas trees through its shredder at Highbury Wood, Muswell Hill, as a public service. The material will either be spread through the wood, or you can take it back home as mulch for your garden.

**Truck collision**

THE Fork Truck Hire Association changed its name to the Fork Truck Association on January 1, and with inspired imagination plans to use the acronym FTA. But hold on, FTA is otherwise known and loved as the acronym for the Freight Transport Association, which has been around for many years and whose beefy truck drivers promise to defend their three letters with vigour.

**Booby prize**

ENTRANTS in a prestigious new writing competition on the future of Europe may be tempted to vent their spleen on the drift to federalism when they see the prize. The winner of the Philip Morris Institute competition will receive 15,000 ecus as a prize.

COLIN CAMPBELL

# Britain appears good bet to dispel air of predictability

**Higher levels  
of disposable  
income should  
aid return of  
'feel-good'  
factor**

**H**ad I been properly trained at journalism school, the next two sentences could never have been written. I find myself with little of interest to say about the outlook for the world economy and the financial markets. The most surprising thing about 1995 was the absence of big surprises — and the same is likely to be true of 1996.

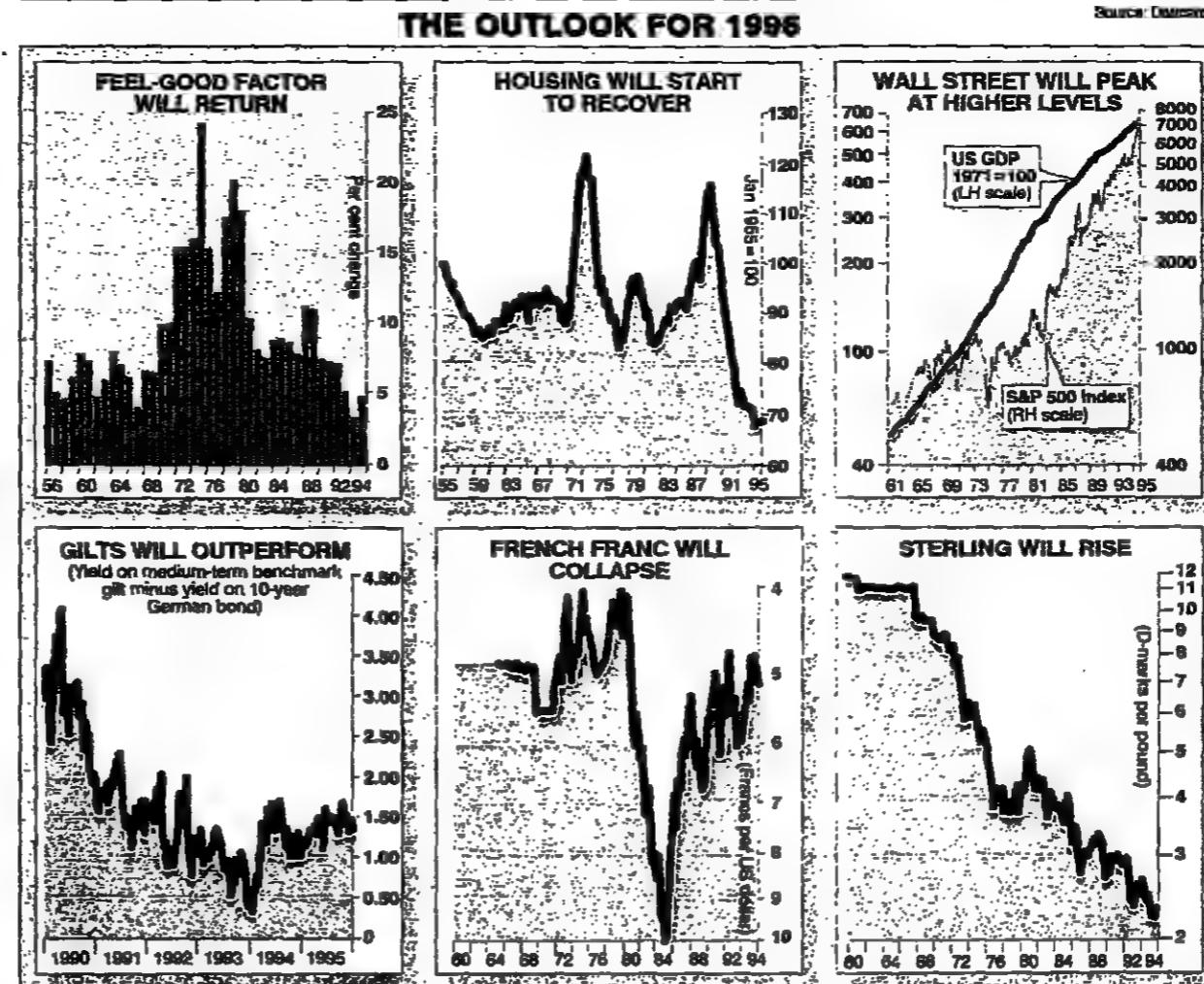
None of the main economies entered the new year in a state of extreme disequilibrium — although Japan, as usual, comes close. There is no government or central bank with policies so obviously perverse that they are bound to be abandoned — although the French, as usual, come close. And none of the financial markets seems too badly out of line with the fundamentals — although the stockbroking salesmen are, as usual, predicting a crash on Wall Street and a surge in Tokyo and the Far East.

The easiest prediction, then, is one that is hardly worth making: more of the same. Such is the unhappy lot of the economic seer in the middle of a long business cycle.

Where then, might we expect the unexpected in 1996? In terms of overall economic performance I would suggest Britain, where I think conditions will turn out surprisingly benign. In currency markets, my picks this year are secondary markets — the French franc and the pound. This is because I remain fundamentally bullish about the dollar, but have my doubts about whether it can make much headway against the mark until the confusion over European Monetary Union is finally resolved.

In search of investment surprises I will stick to the market I correctly picked last year and which has already spectacularly outperformed all others: Wall Street. I will add a new warning on the British fund managers' perennial favourites: Japan and the Far East. This stance has the attraction of putting me directly at odds with the City consensus. According to the monthly Merrill Lynch survey of British fund managers, bulls on Japan outnumber bears by a near-record 78 percentage points; when it comes to Wall Street, by contrast, bears outnumber bulls by 16 points.

First, the British economy. With public spending overshooting and interest rates likely to fall to 6 per cent after dismal final figures for 1995 are announced in February, growth this year should exceed 3 per cent when measured between the fourth quarters of 1995 and 1996. More contentiously I believe that the widespread pessimism about the



outlook for consumption, jobs and housing will soon start to lift.

As the first chart suggests, the "feel-bad" factor last year could largely be explained by the extraordinary weakness of personal disposable income (PDI), or cash take-home pay:

1994 saw the smallest increase in PDI since the 1940s. For homeowners with large mortgages PDI is what counts — and on this measure they fared worse in 1994 and 1995 than in any year of recession.

But this year disposable income should grow by 5 per cent or more. This will improve consumer confidence and boost housing — where values are already stunningly attractive as the second chart shows. I

would expect the increase in house prices to be nearer 10 per cent than the 2 or 3 per cent most experts predict.

While Britain will do surprisingly well, the world economy as a whole will put in another disappointing performance, with strength in America offset by slow recoveries in Japan and Germany and an outright recession in France. This — combined with the growing signs that a Labour victory has now been thoroughly discounted (the economic revival is unlikely to do John Major much good) — is what makes me bullish about the pound.

Turning to the world of finance, I think that bond markets will be disappointed at the limited scope for further monetary easing, especially in Germany where wage pressures remain intense and taxes are being cut. In addition, the threat of EMU will put a surprisingly high floor under Germany's long-term interest

rates as investors realise that they are unlikely to be paid back in marks. As a result, the French economy will slide into recession and the franc will suffer a string of further crises.

The upshot will be an unstable time in all European financial markets and a flow of funds into the safe havens of American and British assets. The impact on currencies, however, may initially be perverse, with the mark gaining from the European tensions because it always has in the past. A strong mark, in turn, will mean another disastrous year for German industry. The complacency, self-righteousness and denial of economic reality that wrecked

**I believe that pessimism about the outlook for consumption, housing and jobs will start to lift**

Japan in the early 1990s have found a new home in Germany for the second half of the decade.

In the end, I expect a compromise to be cobbled together, allowing the French to join EMU after a devaluation with the Maastricht criteria watered down. This would, of course, be disastrous for the mark and for German financial assets. If, on the other hand, the EMU project did founder, the mark would initially strengthen, but the franc would collapse. Hence my preference for dollar/Pairs as an easy bet.

Speaking of gambling, let us turn to Wall Street. Although Wall Street rose more than 30 per cent in 1995, this rapid ascent does not necessarily

presage a crash. First, the bullish arguments for America outlined last year are still treated with scepticism bordering on derision, especially by the big international fund managers in London and Edinburgh.

Secondly, the dollar remains weak, confirming that foreigners have not yet caught the Wall Street bug, while Americans have been over-committed to foreign investment. Finally, the valuations on Wall Street are only slightly above average and well below top-of-the-market extremes.

Heavy industry stocks, which have seen some of America's most spectacular productivity improvements, are still particularly cheap. The low dividend yields often quoted by sceptical British analysts are irrelevant in a market where cash is distributed by share buybacks and takeovers, rather than dividends.

Of course this bull

market will end — and probably with a crash. But the climax is not yet at hand. The coming year is more likely to see a period of consolidation followed by another big surge accompanied by a stronger dollar, as interest rates stop falling and growth accelerates: a situation reminiscent of late 1986 rather than 1987.

While accelerating economic growth is seen as bad for shares in America and Britain, it is universally considered bullish in Japan and the Far East. That is fair enough since Japan is in a much earlier phase of its economic cycle, although why anyone should be bullish about countries like Malaysia and Thailand, with Mexican-style current account deficits, is beyond me.

Perhaps, after all, British fund managers are in for a surprise.

## Companies should be encouraged to boycott Barings until abandoned shareholders receive reimbursement

**From J. L. K. Irvine**  
Sir, The heading in *The Times* (December 29) — "Barings shoots to top of table for City deals" — requires some comment.

The companies which patronised Barings in 1995 should bear in mind that this company walked away from its obligations to preference shareholders and £100 million of loan stock issued shortly before its collapse. These obligations were in large measure held by extremely elderly people on very restricted incomes who were desperately trying to hold on to their own homes or to pay the fees of old people's homes.

If ING were to find that it had purchased four walls and little else, they would soon see to it that Barings lived up to its reputation for integrity.

To those who seriously believe that they are still dealing with the old blue-blooded Barings which has been so long admired and respected in the City, it would be worth bearing in mind that Barings no longer exists except in name.

The company is called ING and it is Dutch. Let us hope that this year's headline reads

## Investment trusts' costs are no secret

**From the Director-General of the Association of Investment Trust Companies**

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**Yours faithfully,**  
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Orchard Gate,  
Needham Market,  
Ipswich.

### Banks' smart move

**From Mr Thom Willows**

Sir, I quote from the smart card article of January 2: "... from this spring, cardholders will have to pay for the service."

2. "The banks and building societies would like Mondex to succeed because it costs them billions of pounds a year to handle cash."

Once again the banks wish the customer to pay for something which will save the banks money.

Yours faithfully,  
THOM WILLOWS,  
The Rough Newick,  
Leaves, East Sussex.

everyone to be able to comply with the rules.

We suggested a period of 12 months, partly to allow Imro, which regulates large numbers of investment trust savings and personal equity plan schemes, to introduce its own rules at the same time as the PIA. It would clearly be absurd for comparable rules to be introduced at different times.

All investment trust companies detail their launch costs in their prospectuses, and their running costs in their annual reports, and the costs associated with the Pep and savings schemes are spelt out in the application packs and in AITC's own publications. So there is no debate about whether they should disclose charges, because they have always done so; rather, we are working constructively with the PIA to ensure that the rules and guidance are correct and helpful to potential investors.

Yours faithfully,  
ERNEST J. FENTON,  
Association of Investment  
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Durrant House,  
813 Chiswell Street, EC1.

## Currency question stirs memories

**From Mrs M. McAlpine**  
Sir, In reading recent letters concerning The Strand and Lyons Corner House, etc., I give the following.

During a meal with my family in Lyons Corner House in the early 1950s, a favourite eating place for our children (the equivalent of the present day McDonald's) I was left with mixed feelings. My husband was approached by a very troubled waitress, who seemed to imply that he had tendered foreign money. This resulted in repeated trips to

the cashier, causing a source of interest to all around.

Eventually she was assured that he had tendered a Scotch half crown.

I met our Euro MP in my town the other day, smiling broadly. On inquiring the reason, she exclaimed: "I have just had my Scotch £10 note queried as illegal tender".

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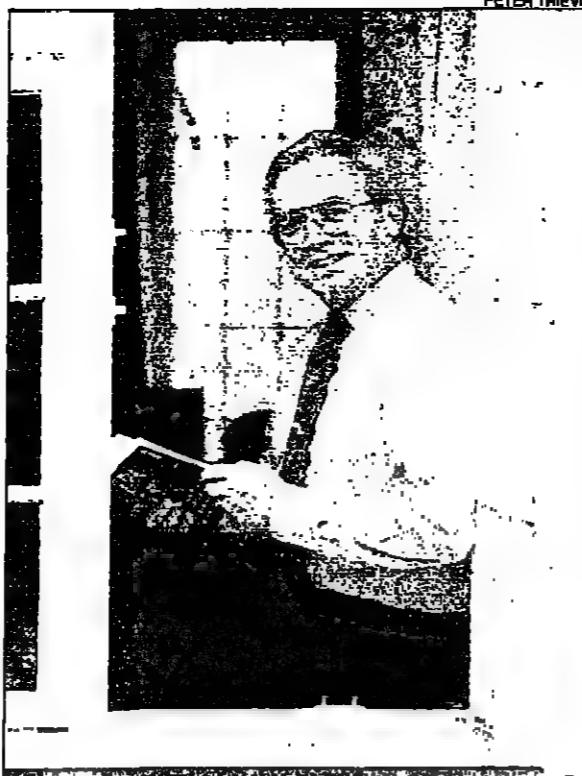
## Measure for measure

Plans to improve financial reporting may be at risk, says David Cairns

The Accounting Standards Board has frequently emphasised its support for international harmonisation, but recent developments could undermine its efforts to improve financial reporting in the UK. The possibility arises in the board's discussion paper on provisions. The board has proposed that provisions should be measured at the best estimate of the expenditure that will be incurred. When it is possible to estimate only a range, and no amount in that range is a better estimate than any other, the board proposes that a provision should be recognised for at least the minimum amount in the range.

The board's measurement proposals are simple, sensible and pragmatic and are likely to prove acceptable to companies. They have the support of other standard-setting bodies and follow the requirements of the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) in IAS 10. In these circumstances, we appear to have the best of all worlds — good accounting with simple rules, acceptability and international harmonisation.

Unfortunately, the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) believes that the measurement guidance in IAS 10, which is



David Cairns defends the value of board's proposals

the same as that proposed by the board, would lead to substantial non-comparability. Some of its members would prefer the different requirements in US GAAP, which were developed more than 20 years ago. As a result, IOSCO has rejected IAS 10 for the purposes of its core standards for companies wishing to list their securities on foreign stock exchanges.

Consequently, IASC has committed itself to review IAS 10, a task that is a waste of scarce resources and which carries the risk that IASC will adopt different requirements from those favoured by the board.

The measurement guidance in IAS 10 is not the only area of disagreement. For example, IOSCO has rejected IASC's revised standard on research and development costs and indicated that it may accept accounting treatments on government grants not permitted by IASC or the board. There are many areas on which IOSCO has accepted IASC's requirements, but some of these might cause problems for national standard-setting bodies.

For example, IOSCO has agreed with IASC's requirements that goodwill should be capitalised and amortised over a maximum of 20

years, something which may not go down well in the UK.

These problems are creating uncertainty for an increasing number of companies that use international accounting standards. They will also affect the standard-setting bodies as they come under pressure to accept what has been agreed by IASC and IOSCO. For

He argued that international regulators should be looking at whether IASC is properly constituted, whether its standards are subject to adequate due process, and whether comments on IASC proposals are carefully considered and taken into account. He suggested that IOSCO endorsement of international accounting standards should essentially be an endorsement of the processes by which IASC's standards are developed rather than of the individual technical positions taken.

Other regulators did not agree, but the proposals should be pursued. They place emphasis on due process and consultation rather than international negotiations on acceptability. They encourage IASC to work with standard-setting bodies, companies and others, on common improvements to financial reporting that are acceptable to a wide constituency rather than standards that may be acceptable only to securities regulators.

They would also allow national standard-setting bodies to adopt improvements in financial reporting that are unfettered by the results of past international negotiations but which might form the basis for new international standards.

**David Cairns is the author of A Guide to Applying International Accounting Standards to be published next week by Accountancy Books, £29.95, PO Box 620, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2J, or telephone 01908 298000**

## Ready for a year of living dangerously

IT IS that time of year again. The time when people tell you earnestly that this will be a crucial year for the profession and that, once again, accountancy is at a crossroads. None of this is new. All it shows is that people care. When they cease to care, it will be time for accountants to try their hands at something else.

This year, it could well be the bureaucrats who find themselves in that position. The proposed merger between the English ICA and CIMA, the management accounting body, will go to the vote. It is the latest in a long line of efforts to rationalise the profession's ruling bodies. The last one to succeed was back in the days when Denis Compton was still scoring centuries at Lord's.

If this year's effort should fail, those running the various accounting bodies really will have to go back to the core tasks of providing member services and enhancing reputation rather than empire-building. They will just have to accept that they have been unequal to the task of convincing their members that a better tomorrow

will come from larger organisations. This is a pity. The European market beckons. The Anglo-Saxon tradition of more rather than fewer accountants could have been transplanted on the back of the expansion of multinationals into Europe.

If the merger fails, the accountancy bodies will have to plan for a future that may include some kind of securities and exchange commission, further marginalising their efforts. They have only themselves to blame. The concentration on initiatives that only bureaucrats could believe would succeed has alienated them from their memberships and also from their most influential members, those in the large accounting firms.

The year should provide more than a few embarrassments for large firms. Existing litigation will rumble on. Even when smaller sums are negotiated in settlement, they will appear small only in relation to the original projections.

This month will provide a key test of the profession's ability to argue its case. When KPMG reveals more of its financial figures than any firm has before, the public interest is likely to be keen. Partners' earnings, however hedged about with caveats about pension provision, will appear high. We are not talking about just a few talented individuals, but hundreds of high-earning partners. The

answer to the question "what is an account for?" has never been: "Someone who comes in to fix something which is broken."

Accountants do provide that sort of service.

But their prime value is advice. And that comes from experience and wisdom. Traditionally, that is what accountants are for. It holds true from the practitioner in Lancashire getting a farm's tax position straight to a senior partner giving the chairman of Allied Conglomerates the benefit of a present lunch. Toning down the current all-singing, all-dancing approach to a quiet advisory approach would do wonders for the profession. The added-value in the long term would not just be about success. It could also be about survival.



ROBERT BRUCE

### Indirect, but to the point

OFFICIAL responses to consultation papers are among the dullest of documents. What they tend to lack is a good bit of outright rudeness. So we should all applaud the Institute of Indirect Taxation. When asked to respond to a Customs and Excise paper on its standards of service, the institute, under the vociferous care of Robert Maas, of Blackstone Franks, is, well, uncompromising. "Sending a written

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reply within ten days is not helpful," the institute says. "If, as is frequently the case, that reply is along the lines of 'here is our notice/leaflet; work the answer to your problem out yourself.'

#### New year cheer

JOHN CORRIN will be feeling pleased with himself. His CBE in the New Year honours for services to the textile

industry will have cheered him greatly. His fellow members at this month's English ICA Council conference can expect even more references to himself as "the only bloody person on our council who actually manufactures things".

#### Taxing times

EVEN partnerships will be affected by the switch to self-assessment of tax. Touche Ross

has produced a question and answer leaflet to help such clients with their problems. Reassurance is obviously hard to provide in this brave new world. To the question "once I have sent in the return and paid the tax, is that it?" Touche can only answer: "We would hope so."

#### Loyal service

ANYONE who doubted the

view of Ian Brindle, Price Waterhouse senior partner, that the partnership ethos promotes loyalty should look to the firm's own internal newspaper. There they would learn that the loyal Doug Scheu, head of the London office stationery department, has just retired after 44 years with the firm — and that his father before him had joined the firm in 1936 in the days when his duties had included delivering the coal to partners' offices.

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## ■ FILM 1

A tense new thriller, *Seven*, gives a sinister twist to the words "deadly sins"



## ■ FILM 2

... but France's costliest film, *The Horseman on the Roof*, fails to match drama to spectacle



## ■ FILM 3

Adultery and horse-breeding in the Deep South give us *Something to Talk About*



## ■ FILM 4

... but Quentin Tarantino and pals make a pig's ear of the compendium movie, *Four Rooms*

CINEMA: Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman and a darkness that glows with life make *Seven* a special thriller, says Geoff Brown

## See it before you go sinning

**T**he last thing we need is another film about serial killers, but *Seven* goes about its grisly business with an off-beat panache that demands attention. Your nerves are set on edge by the credit sequence, a fancy affair of flickering names and scratched footage. And they stay on edge right to the end, while director David Fincher pursues the story through a metropolitan hell of perpetual darkness and rain. Even the office furniture is oppressive.

The script, by neophyte writer Andrew Kevin Walker, follows a schematic path. Two cops, unwillingly teamed: one is weary and close to retirement (Morgan Freeman), the other is a young eager beaver (Brad Pitt). Their target is a serial killer who arranges his murders to illustrate the seven deadly sins. Sloth is a man tied to a bed, rotting to death over a year. Gluttony is someone forced to eat until he pops. The killer, you note, has a macabre sense of humour. So has the film, although the jokes never lighten the burden of a story that grows grimmer as the sins pile up.

Fincher's one previous film, *Alien³*, shared the same dingy colours and downbeat mood. But where that film stumbled over its tedious plot, *Seven* almost dances with vitality. Working closely with Darius Khondji, cameraman of *Deltacatessen*, and Arthur Max, a designer with a rock concert background, Fincher creates the ultimate urban nightmare, where light scarcely penetrates the gloom and every image is framed off-centre.

*Seven*, though, would be a hollow achievement if its only virtues were pictorial. Even a serial killer thriller needs a touch of humanity; and while women in the story get short shrift, enough care is invested in the relationship between Freeman and Pitt that you never feel the film is stocked with robots. Freeman's veteran detective is a bruised soul who has slogged too long on violence, while Pitt bounces around, eager for the fray. Odd couples have become a dreadful cliché in cop films, but this pairing works beautifully.

The film earns points, too, for not letting audiences off the hook. Instead, they should stumble out with mixed feelings: depressed by the depths

**Seven**  
Odeon Leicester Square  
18, 127 mins  
*Off-beat serial killer drama*

**The Horseman on the Roof**  
Lumière, 15, 135 mins  
*Dashing, but...*

**Something to Talk About**  
Warner West End  
15, 106 mins  
*Erving husbands and horses down South*

**Four Rooms**  
Warner West End  
18, 90 mins  
*Four cult directors fall on their faces*

**All Men are Mortal**  
Warner West End  
15, 91 mins  
*Simone de Beauvoir becomes a Europudding*

**The Kingdom**  
ICA Cinema, 279 mins  
*Lars von Trier's medical soap opera*

to which fictional humanity can sink, but transfixed by the film like a rabbit frozen in a car's headlights.

At one point in *The Horseman on the Roof* the subtiles shift from the bottom of the screen so as not to destroy the pretty image of three riders silhouetted against the horizon. Such thoughtfulness is rare in subtiles. Such prettiness is rare, too, especially in a film set during a cholera epidemic. True, the camera points at a crow picking at a corpse's eyeball, but the general effect of Jean-Paul Rappeneau's (see interview, below) lumbering film is of images radiant enough to adorn an art gallery.

There are good reasons for this air of magnificence. When your most recent film is the award-winning *Cyrano de Bergerac*, you scarcely want to hide away and make some trifles for nippence-ha-penny. *The Horseman*, in fact, cost Fr176 million (£23 million), a national record. A sum like that brings the pomp and circumstance of heritage cinema: massed extras and period costumes, gorgeous photography of the beauties of Pro-

vence, all tied to the coat-tails of a literary classic, Jean Giono's novel *Le Hussard sur le toit*, first published in 1951. A fat budget, however, cannot guarantee artistic success. As Olivier Martinez's 19th-century Italian hussar thundered through alleyways and olive groves, a fugitive from Austrian agents, British viewers may wonder when the film's story will settle down. Eventually the hussar gets up on the roof. Manosque, in Provence, has many roofs, and they prove a refuge when the citizens, fearing of cholera spreading, accuse Martinez of infecting them well.

As in *Cyrano*, Rappeneau shows his skills as a choreographer of swordfights and running crowds. Martinez, a relatively unknown actor, never approaches the Errol Flynn twinkle that his part demands, although the director provides valuable camouflage.

Then, 50 minutes in, Martinez falls through a skylight and finds Juliette Binoche, the Mona Lisa of French film actresses. Luckily her enigmatic smile befits her role as a noblewoman, suave among the grimaces of death. Comparisons in adversity, the two share improbable adventures, and the story belatedly finds a focus. Love grows, at least on Martinez's side. Binoche always holds back, as mysterious and secretive as a cat.

As befits a national epic, *The Horseman* conjures up the colours, scenes and sounds of 1830s Provence, baking in the sun. It expresses Giono's love of the soil. But pretty pictures are not everything, and as a big arthouse film for export *The Horseman* lacks oomph. A major disappointment.

*Something to Talk About* should be exactly that, since the star is Julia Roberts, the script is by Callie Khouri, author of *Thelma & Louise* and the director is Lasse Hallström, last seen stamping his whimsical style on *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*. Credentials, however, mean little when the matters the characters talk about rarely grab your attention.

We are down South in horse-breeding country. Roberts is a wife and horsewoman whose life comes unstuck when she spots her husband (Dennis Quaid) with a blonde in a red dress. Adjusting her feminist perspective to Southern patriarchal society,



Brad Pitt finds himself in a spot of trouble, playing a detective chasing a biblically inspired serial killer in David Fincher's excellent *Seven*

Khoury allows the acrimony to mellow, and wastes too much time with a horsey subplot of no interest. The players, admittedly, are well cast. Roberts and Kyra Sedgwick make convincing sisters, while Gena Rowlands and Robert Duvall were born to play Southern parents, trapped in tradition.

Few items on last year's festival circuit were as eagerly awaited as *Four Rooms*. The film appeared at Toronto. Red faces all round: Robert Rodriguez, Alexandre Rockwell, Alison Anders and the god Tarantino had given birth to a mirthless comedy. The movie, a compendium of stories unfolding over New Year's Eve in a Hollywood hotel, was sent back for cutting and reshooting. But no tinkering can hide the badness of Tim Roth's performance as the hotel's twitching bellhop, or make good jokes from juvenile nonsense. Tarantino's segment is interestingly shot in long, serpentine takes; but the strongest, or rather least worst, material comes from Rodriguez's story about a gangster's children reducing their room to a flaming hell.

*All Men are Mortal*: indeed they are, which is why we should try to forgive director Alain Resnais for cooking up this ghastly Europudding from Simone de Beauvoir's novel about love and immortality, *Tous les Hommes sont mortels*. The talents of Brinain, The Netherlands and France were put to work, along with the funds of Eurimages, the EU scheme from which Britain has announced its withdrawal. How nice it would be to cheer the film along. But the arch English dialogue, the sight of Irene Jacob and Stephen Rea all at sea, and the sense that no audience exists for this anywhere, make it impossible.

Adventurous souls with four hours to spare should consider Lars von Trier's medical soap opera *The Kingdom*, a Danish TV production. The hand-held, brown-tinted photography allows for none of the hyperbole expected from the director of *Europa*; instead, he aims at a nervous style aping TV realism. The film, blending satire and horror, would be more comfortably watched in segments: but continuous viewing makes you appreciate von Trier's insolence.

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## ■ CHOICE 1

**Julia McKenzie**  
goes through the  
*Communicating  
Doors* one last time



VENUE: This week at the Gielgud Theatre

## ■ CHOICE 2

**David Bamber**  
plays Hook in a  
new staging of  
*Peter Pan*

VENUE: Opening tonight.  
West Yorkshire Playhouse

## THE ARTS

## ■ CHOICE 3

... while Harry  
Secombe is in  
expansive form  
for *Pickwick*

VENUE: Now running,  
Manchester Opera House

## ■ DANCE

The Royal Ballet  
trawls the  
country for  
the Bussells  
and Guillems of  
the future



## LONDON

**COMMUNICATING DOORS** Last week for Julia McKenzie in *A Communicating Door*, a play about a long-lost family, a long-lost door, a hotel that's not热闹, and back a couple of decades. Angela Thorne takes the lead when this funny, sly, show comes to the Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. 0171 494 5085. Tonight Sat 7.30pm mat Sat 3pm.

**CARMEN** Peter Knapp's acclaimed Travelling Opera returns with the most successful production of its ten-year history. Performed by a company of Carmen and Carmen, it's told by just one of Mozart's best-loved tunes in a series of an Oxford collage in the cast. 1990s.

Opera House, Saville Street, W1. 0171 587 6308. 8991. Tonight Sat 7.30pm mat Sat 3pm.

**ANGELIKA KIRCHSCHLAGER** She may not be a classical music household name, but could she be the next Cecilia Bartoli? The young Austrian soprano has won a place in the top ten of the Gramophone Awards and earned rave reviews for her American recital debut; tonight's programme is part of the Wigmore Hall Young Masters series.

Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Tonight, 7.30pm.

## TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Tonight, 7.30pm.

## ELSEWHERE

**EDINBURGH** Under in their new year with a bit of taken-spontan at tonight's National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. Performers include Yuja Wang, Lang Lang and Raphael Wallfisch, plus a programme of Prokofiev, Elgar, Schumann and Brahms, plus a special guest appearance by Russian pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy. 8pm Sat 25 Jan. £12.50. Bookings: 0131 222 0000. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Bookings: 0141 227 5511. Both at 7.30pm.

**LEEDS** Opening night for David Bamber as Mr Darling and Captain Hook as the baddy in the musical *Peter Pan*. Staged at the Alhambra, the show is the boyish with a touch about mothers. Matthew Wachtur directs. Peter Pan. Quay, West Yorkshire Playhouse.

**THE GLASS MENAGERIE** Sam Mendes' London production. Zoe Wanamaker and Claire Skinner play mother and daughter. Both Widens is Tom Currey. Piccadilly Street, SW1. 0171 588 1731. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm mat 10.30pm and Sat, 3pm.

**HYSTERIA** Henry Goodman plays Freud, with Tim Pether as Salvador Dalí, in Terry Johnson's surreal double award-winner. The funniest serious play in town. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2. 0171 836 5122. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

**THE MASTER BUILDER** Paul Hall's sexually unadulterated production Alan Bates the brooding heart-throb

0113 244 2111. Tonight, 7pm. This week, Fri 6pm, Sat 7pm, Mat 8pm. From Jan 8. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Tue 10.30pm and Sat 8pm. Wed-Fri, 7pm. Sat 8pm (mat 9pm). Feb 31 and 7pm. Until Feb 3.

**MACHOMETER** It's a new comedy series from the team behind *Harry Secombe and Ruth Madoc*, together again for another successful run of *Midweek*.

**THE MUSICAL** Opera House, Quay Street, W1. 0171 585 2142. Tonight, 7.30pm. Final Fees 8pm. £12.50. Bookings: 0171 585 2142. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Tonight, 7.30pm.

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**THEATRE GUIDE**

**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre shows in London**

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Performances by Gemma Jones and Ulrich Matthes

Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1. 0171 585 8800. Tonight Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 3pm. Final week.

■ MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN

Diana Rigg in the title role of Brecht's epic drama of war. Just as the new director, a new version by David Hare.

National (Globe), South Bank, SE1. 0171 928 2383. Today, 3pm and 7.30pm.

■ PRIVATE ON PARADE

Tony Slattery plays the scoundrel Toad in the now annual return of the National Trust's *Private on Parade* at the Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SE1. 0171 637 8270. Tues-Sat, and Jan 7 and 14, 7.30pm.

■ THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

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■ GOLDENBEEF

(12+) Peter Brook's remarkable trailer with a sense of humour. Barbican (0171 638 8651). Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Bookings: 0171 585 2142. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Bookings: 0142 914098. UCI Whiteladies (0171 585 2142).

■ THE INDIAN IN THE CLOUTARD

(PG) An Indian boy comes to the UK in a rather unlikely version of *Lynne Reid Banks's* children's classic, directed by Parveen Chand. Clapham Picture House (0171 498 3323). MGM Clapham (0171 585 2096). Golden Age (0171 585 2142). UCI Whiteladies (0171 585 2142). Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 0171 585 2141. Bookings: 0171 585 2141.

■ A MURDER IN THE FIRST

(15+) Patsy Reddy's Astoria drama, with Kevin Bacon, Christian Slater and Gary Oldman. Director, Marc Rocco. Michael (0171 388 1720).

■ ODEON SWANSEA

Odeon, Swansea (0171 425 9149). Trosedd (0171 434 0031). Odeon, Cardiff (0171 222 2222). UCI Whiteladies (0171 585 2142). MGM (0171 585 2142). Warner (0171 585 2142).

■ FOUR ROOMS

(18+) Unholy romps at a hotel on New Year's eve. Delicious confection made by chic director Cuaron Tarantino, Robert Rodriguez, Alexandre Rockwell and Alison Lohman. Director, Christopher Guest. (0171 381 4703). MGM (0171 585 2142). Haymarket (0171 838 1527). Odeon (0171 446 0009). Kensington (0171 585 2142). Trosedd (0171 222 2222). UCI Whiteladies (0171 585 2142). Warner (0171 585 2142).

■ NEW RELEASES

■ ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS (PG) Overbearing vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, down among African animals. Director, Steve Carreras. Action Pictures (0171 585 2142). 3221 MGM/Fox, Fulham Road, SW3. 0171 570 5363. Trosedd (0171 434 0031). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

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## CINEMA GUIDE

Goeff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol \*) on release across the country

■ Director: Jaya Patel. Producer: 0171 585 8427. Rating: (12)

■ CURRENT

■ ANGELS AND INSECTS

(15+) A sweet, lyrical comedy from the director of *Veronica's Closet* and *Marie Antoinette*. Director, Christof Wackernagel. With Anna Maria Mühe, Peter Simonischek and Kristin Scott Thomas. Director, Philip Haas. Curzon Mayfair (0171 388 1720).

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## ■ THEATRE

Cheek by Jowl's dark and astonishing *Duchess of Malfi* comes to London

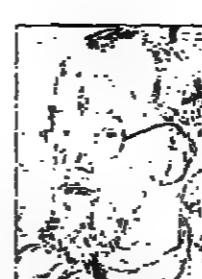


## ■ POP

The mellowed and matured Mac Rebennack, alias Dr John, prepares for residency in Soho



## ■ VISUAL ART



A latter-day William Blake? The visionary work of David Jones is surveyed in a centenary show



■ TOMORROW  
How will the liberated George Michael fare in 1996? Alan Jackson reads pop music's tea leaves

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale delights in a production which drops the dramatic stereotype

# Terrible twins are born again

Duchess of Malfi Wyndhams

**C**heek by Jowl's Edwardian-period revival of Webster's great, gruesome tragedy seemed strikingly original when I caught it in Oxford in October, but after three months on the road it has grown into something that is extraordinary bordering on astonishing. I am tempted to tell you through Declan Donnellan's production scene by scene, pointing out how and why it differs from conventional stagings. But since that would send my review careening on to page 94, let me evoke just one encounter between Anastasia Hille's Duchess and her twin, Scott Handy's Ferdinand.

It is Act III, scene ii. Duke Ferdinand, furious at his sister's downmarket marriage, sashes into her bedroom and not too subtly suggests that she kill herself. He gives her a dagger, threatens and terrifies her, then disappears bug-eyed into the night, leaving her wanly protesting, "You are too strict." She is passive; he is a hyperactive maniac. He is evil; she is good. At any rate, that is how the encounter is usually played.

Not here. Hille's Duchess slaps Ferdinand to the floor, leaps onto him, menaces him with the dagger, then laughs, coolly pours herself a Scotch, continues doing her hair, and makes mocking monkey noises while he wildly blusters and bangs into the furniture. Then the mood switches, and she is cuddling and comforting him before it switches again, and he makes a blundering exit, haplessly mouth-promises never to see her again.

Incredible, absurd, an extreme example of the way contemporary directors impose 20th-century psychology on Jacobean melodrama? Well, go and see for yourselves. It may sound as if Donnellan is more trick cyclist than responsible producer, but that is far from the effect in the theatre. Rather, you feel you are witnessing the half-comic, half-horrifying death throes of a dark, deep bond that perhaps only twins can fully understand. What Donnellan does is substitute human richness for theatrical stereotype.



In the relationship between Hille's Duchess and Handy's Ferdinand can be seen the half-comic, half-horrifying death throes of the twins' bond

After all, must the Duchess act as if she has parachuted in, not just from some nice family, but from a higher moral planet? And must her brother seem strong rather than weak because he is powerful? Nowadays we expect directors to ask similar questions of Shakespeare, and would be amazed to get a wacky virtuous Cordelia or a straightforwardly venomous Goneril. Hille and Handy admittedly take corrective interpretation a long way:

but never over the top. She cuts a cool, confident figure, and, though you also sense a longing for affection and simplicity, it is second nature in her to intimidate and not be intimidated. When that mad nocturnal prowler, her brother, reveals that the hand he has given her is severed and cold, what does she do after she has winced and thrown it aside? Why, pick it up and drop it into the wastepaper-basket, as any house-proud princess should.

Hille's is a wonderful performance — tough yet sensitive, sardonic yet packed with ruefully observed pain — and Handy's is very good. The impression his big, soft face gives is of an overgrown tot floundering in a world he can smash but never comprehend. Behind the strutting, the fears and the obsessive games-playing — what did he and his overbearing sister get up to in the nursery? — Handy suggests someone profoundly bewildered by his own emotions.

How can he be so angry, so bitter, so vengeful?

Much has improved since Oxford in October. Paul Brennen, as the third of these nightmare siblings, adds a certain agony of soul to his portrait of Himmler in Cardinal's purple. As the Duchess's illicit husband, Antonio, Matthew Macfadyen suggests a nervousness of heart and, with it, an uneasy marriage. The worry, if any, is George Anton's performance as the spy cum assassin Bosola, a char-

acter whose mix of the ambition-driven and conscience-stricken has attracted many a major actor. Couldn't he be more, well, interesting?

Yes, but, if so, wouldn't that distract attention from the dysfunctional family at the centre? It is a question for Donnellan and his cast to ponder as they perform in London and then continue on tour.

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# Tossed in the myths of time

Rachel Campbell-Johnston reviews a touring show marking the centenary of the artist David Jones

**D**avid Jones is often regarded as a somewhat whimsical and eccentric figure, isolated from the mainstream of modern art. His choice of subject matter can seem wilfully obscure. Like William Blake, with whom he is often compared — inevitable, perhaps, for an artist who ranked equally as a writer and painter — Jones is a visionary. His imagination is furnished with the iconography of lost historical worlds, the gods and heroes of classical and celtic myth. He explores alchemical symbols and esoteric law. His ideas, shaped by his Catholic faith, wander among the themes of metamorphosis and transubstantiation.

Something of this complexity can be seen in the scrawled diagram which furnishes the title of a touring exhibition marking the centenary of Jones's birth, *A Map of the Artist's Mind*. At the centre are the words "French and German Romances", around which a pattern of arrows circulates in a complex flow, interconnecting such scribbled ideas as "Syr Gavaine & the Greene Knights", "Development of Eucharistic cultus", and "Magian Gnosis".

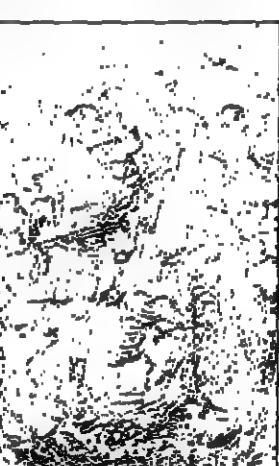
The exhibition, currently in Hove, aims to lead the viewer through this labyrinth. Chronology is eschewed in favour of theme, so that trends and patterns of thought emerge more clearly.

The ideas which defined Jones as an artist — the Catholic church and its liturgy, his experiences as a young man fighting as a private in France during the First World War, his strong feeling for the natural world and sense of being rooted in the landscape of Welsh culture — are all introduced in the exhibition's opening sections.

Jones worked and reworked these ideas throughout his artistic career. They enrich and expand into more complex work. In the section of this exhibition called "History and Romance" the painting *Study for Aphrodite in Aulis* seems at first a bewildering swirl of spindly lines through which assorted images flutter. But as the eye travels over the surface it picks out the details: the two semi-naked soldiers flanking

the Roman goddess on her plinth, the lamb bleeding into a chalice, the female warrior with a Christos symbol embazoned on her shield. Gradually, the subject matter organises itself into Jones's vision of woman as something both violated and venerated.

Similarly, in the section labelled "Of Metamorphosis and Mutability", still-lifes such as *Briar Cup* or *Melechim* show the sacred dimension seeping into secular subject matter. Household objects such as a vase or a table are transmuted into chalice and altar, the ritual objects of the Mass. Briars, with their red-



*The Greeting to Mary*, 1963: a typically intricate drawing by David Jones

tipped barbs, draw parallels to Christ's crown of thorns.

Jones's works create a vibrant field of tremulous line and flickering colour, characterised by a graceful fluidity and spontaneity. As the layers of imagery build up, signs slip into symbols, notations into connotations. In this, his vision is not isolated from, but in tune with, other 20th-century art: with the work of painters like Derain and Modigliani, who tried to make sense of modernist forms through traditional references, or neo-surrealists like Paul Delvaux, who mixed archetypal or mythic references with personal preoccupations.

• David Jones, 1895-1974: *A Map of the Artist's Mind* is at Hove Museum and Art Gallery until Jan 26, and at the National Museum & Gallery, Cardiff from Feb 17 to Apr 14

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JAZZ: As Dr John prepares for London, Clive Davis asks the maestro of gumbo what makes a good hoodoo man

## Night trip with medicine man

**M**any people still remember him as the Night Tripper, but those wild, psychedelic days are long gone, and Mac Rebennack — alias Dr John — has now taken on many of the traits of that 1990s archetype, the Concerned Parent. For years he lived in the louche Manhattan neighbourhood of Chelsea, but with his teenage children passing more and more crack dealers on the streets, he eventually decided to move across town to sedate Murray Hill.

Inside his lounge, though, it could almost be New Orleans at twilight. The tall, shuttered windows, oil paintings, full-length mirrors and luxuriant tapestries would not be out of place in an Anne Rice novel. They provide the ideal backdrop for a larger-than-life figure who was once a practising voodoo priest and who would rampage onto the stage in full Mardi Gras regalia.

He has lived in New York since the 1970s. New Orleans, through all his many incarnations, he has stayed true to the freewheeling spirit of his home town. An errant Jesuit-school pupil, he was more interested in whiling away the hours in the nightclubs than mastering the catechism. By his early teens he was already making a living as a guitarist, copying phrases from T-Bone Walker records.

It was not long before he was also initiated into the murkier world of drug-taking. A flirtation with marijuana led first to pill-popping and then long-term heroin addiction. The whole messy business is described in his 1994 autobiography, *Under a Hoodoo Moon*, an unflinching book overflowing with underworld characters, strung-out musicians and incidents which do not bear repeating in a family newspaper. It was not until about five years ago that he finally took the cure.

Rebennack's alter ego, Dr John, first emerged in the mid-1960s, the fruit of his lifelong fascination with the New Orleans variant of voodoo, known as gris-gris. The origi-

nal Dr John had been a phantom-like New Orleans medicine man in the 19th century. Rebennack adopted his name for a recording session with a group of musicians who were supposed to be working on a Sonny and Cher record. The result was the incantatory album *Gris Gris*, with its tale of the Night Tripper roaming the streets

with his bag of magic remedies in his hand.

The record had all the correct pseudo-mythic trappings for its era, and Dr John was taken up as a symbol of the counter-culture. By this time he had made the transition to playing piano — a change forced on him when he was shot in one of the fingers of his left hand during a scuffle with an irate motel owner.

For all the theatricality of Dr John, Rebennack retains the instincts of the jobbing musician.

Everyone from Aretha Franklin to Van Morrison has called on his services, and the best of his own recordings were assembled on an enter-

taining Rhino compilation entitled *Mos' Siccious*. Record company executives, however, have not always treated him with respect. As he surveys the music scene, he takes on the

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# Opening fire in the real culture wars

Roger Scruton finds political correctness alive and well, despite claims that it never existed

**F**or some years it has been rumoured that American universities are being taken over by a leftist thought-police, determined to erase all vestiges of elitism, racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism, jockism, speciesism etc., and to replace them by jisms of another kind — Marxism and feminism especially. Studies and books have been devoted to the phenomenon, while politicians, journalists and commentators of a conservative persuasion have made such a meal of "PC" that no one would now describe himself as "politically correct", without first encasing the phrase in inverted commas.

Yet John Wilson argues, the whole thing is a fabrication, propagated by conservative academics and the foundations which fund them, in order to obscure the real attack on higher education, which comes not from the Left but from the Right. Conservatives, who wish to impose their authoritarian curriculum on the rest of us, regard the open discussion of alternatives as intrinsically threatening. By posing as the victims of oppression, they have cleverly seized the high ground, so opening the way to oppression of their own.

Four years ago I went to teach in Boston University. I was as politically incorrect as a professor can be, notorious both at home and abroad for opinions which, in the context of an academic career, have nothing to recommend them apart from their truth. I went in dread of the slogan-chanting students, the signed letters of protest from frosty colleagues and disciplinary tribunals which I had read about with amazement in the American right-wing press. I was genuinely surprised to find myself treated by both colleagues and students as a normal member of the human species. Nobody seemed interested in my personal opinions, and the curriculum was very much the old curriculum — although more open to innovation and experiment than the European original. My immediate impression was that either PC had disappeared, or it had never really existed.

As Wilson points out, the critics of campus fashions have been none too careful in checking their facts, in giving chapter and verse, or in distinguishing the attempt to subvert the curriculum from the desire merely to revise it. Many of the martyrs to PC turn out merely to be academics with one of their habitual grievances. The notorious "speech-codes" adopted here and there in universities were seldom applied, and have in any case since been struck down by the courts. Even "multiculturalism" is, in Wilson's reading of events, little more than an attempt to extend the old curriculum, and as for feminism, gay libera-



John Silber: singled out

tion, and the rest, they are nothing but points of view, with a right to expression within the academy that is equal to the right accorded to all manner of public concern.

A plausible argument, and one well backed up with case studies and statistics. But not, in the end, convincing. An English reader of Wilson's narrative will be struck by the fact that every conservative teacher or writer that he mentions is identified by his political colours, and that all questions concerning the curriculum are described in political terms. The curriculum advances, for Wilson, by including "discussion" of issues which were not previously mentioned — and the issues belong always to someone's political agenda. Feminism and gay liberation are as entitled to a place on the curriculum as — well, as conservatism, family values, what have you.

In my view, however, none of those things has a place, as such, on the curriculum, since none is an academic subject. If

I oppose feminism as a classroom topic, it is not because I wish to put family values in the place of it. It is because I want to get on with teaching the *Critique of Pure Reason*, with analysing Schubert's String Quintet, or with understanding the character of Milton's Satan. For Wilson the university is nothing but a vast talking shop, in which political opinions strive to be heard in open competition with their rivals. It has been absorbed into the democratic process, and become a chamber of opinion whose ultimate meaning is political. Wilson is a graduate student in social science, and a product of the very outlook which — because he has no first-hand knowledge of the tradition opposed to it — he alleges not to exist. The success of PC consists precisely in that it is no longer perceptible.

One very small instance (not mentioned by Wilson) will illustrate what I mean. The *Pennsylvania Law Review*, one of the major outlets for legal scholarship in America, now refuses to accept for publication any article that does not use the feminine pronoun throughout. No matter that this is stylistically impossible for anyone with a feel for the English language; no matter that it automatically imputes feminist opinions to the author. That is what you have to do if you are to be published; and if you cannot get your articles published in journals such as the *Pennsylvania Law Review*, you have no chance of a career teaching law. Not only does this show how liberal orthodoxy is enforced in the American academic establishment, it also illustrates the new conception of scholarship as part of a "struggle", the goal of which is not truth but power.

The "culture wars" are only just beginning, and the explicit terrorism which excited the media was a passing episode, long ago scuttled by conservative antibodies. But I am not sure that my experience at Boston University was typical. For its president, John Silber, is singled out for special abuse by Wilson, as someone prepared to impose his iron will in order to punish all those who dissent from the conservative line. The freedom from politicisation which I observed is seen by Wilson as another kind of politicisation, and one far more antithetical to "academic freedom".

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HIS PUBLISHER bills Donald Spoto thus: "For many years an internationally respected university professor of English Literature and history." He has produced biographies of Laurence Olivier, Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe and others in the entertainment business. So he was a natural for what he dubbs "the world's longest running soap opera".

Dynasty, subtitled "The Turbulent Saga of the Royal Family from Victoria to Diana", carries a picture of the Queen's head, shattered from top to bottom, on the front cover. To reassure us, he furnishes an 11-page list of the books and articles he has read on the subject. One authority he quotes is a fellow American. "No lesser person than the venerable Harold Brooks-Baker", director of *Baker's Peacock*, the last edition of which appeared in 1972. This absurd person, in condemning the Parker Bowles divorce, and one far more antithetical to "academic freedom".

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Weber has the customary cliché of the Queen's personal

Everybody — and that includes the most fervently patriotic Siennesi — agrees that Giotto is the father of modern painting. Dante set the seal on his fame during his lifetime in passage on the vanity of worldly aspirations that ought to have had the opposite effect. In Canto XI of the *Purgatorio*, a character explains that just as in the field of poetry Guido Guinizzelli had been surpassed by Guido Cavalcanti, so now in painting Giotto is the star where once Cimabue reigned supreme. But the passage continues with a self-congratulatory prophecy that some one will soon outclass the second Guido, though without exploring the implication that in due course Dante himself, and Giotto with him, will also be surpassed.

The truth is that from our point of view what comes after is never really better, only different. However, where our sense of Dante's greatness is inspired above all by the *Divine Comedy* and the *Vita Nuova*, the position in relation to Giotto is less straightforward, and divides the world according to pretty crude nationalistic boundaries. The bone of contention is the series of frescoes of the *Life of St Francis* in the Upper Basilica at Assisi.

In a nutshell, Italian art historians cannot bear to relinquish the idea that this cycle of pictures was not in the main planned and executed by the young Giotto before he moved on to decorate the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua.

The rest of the world does not agree, and assigns the various scenes to a team of masters whose identities are lost in the mists of time. If Giotto was at Assisi at all early on, then maybe he painted the Old Testament scenes given to the painter otherwise known as the Isaac Master.

There is something irritatingly painful about being told that something is not by a great master, just as there is something dangerously attractive about downgrading a much-loved work and watching its fame squirm. The pitched battle over Rembrandt has confused the issue because it has been implied that passion is engendered by the financial consequences of a decision. The Assisi problem demonstrates that opposing camps can disagree just as virtuously without the hovering presence of the art

market. Denying the *St Francis* cycle to Giotto is tantamount to proposing that Shakespeare did not write *Hamlet* and *King Lear* — which is a popular enough sport, but not the best way to win friends.

Professor Flores d'Arcais has written an Italian book on Giotto, but even an anti-Assisi like myself should be grateful for that. It does not carry a big enough Government Attribution Warning for my taste, but it has the supreme merit of presenting the visual evidence with admirable thoroughness. Assisi, Padua and the rest are lavishly and copiously illustrated, often with stunning details. The only regret is that full page illustrations are occasionally bizarrely juxtaposed so that details, which are meant to be separate, look disconcertingly continuous. The overwhelming impression, and that in spite of the extraordinary power of the *Ognissanti Madonna* since its recent restoration, is that Giotto is at his best as a painter of frescoes, not panels.

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## Drying ink and art that is God's grandchild



A question of attribution: *Charity* (1305), from the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, was painted after the *Life of St Francis* in Assisi, which some have credited to Giotto

## A thorn in the Crown

Woodrow Wyatt

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wealth being £6.6 billion, bringing in £2 million interest daily. This scholar was apparently unable to discover that very little of this allegedly vast fortune actually belongs to her. The Queen's personal wealth, knowing how badly bankers invest, is unlikely to be more than £10 million, from which she makes all manner of payments to royalists not on the Civil List.

And how strange that, despite his supposed diligence, he never refers to the Prince Regent (George IV) and his unparalleled public quarrels with Queen Caroline of Brunswick. Every tavern in the country was plastered with cartoons of them throwing excreta at each other. Nor does he refer to George IV's fury on failing to persuade the House of Lords to give him a divorce

and how later, at his Coronation, Caroline battered at the doors of Westminster Abbey demanding to be crowned and was driven violently away.

The author cannot take on board the idea that the institution of monarchy belongs to the people, not to the Sovereign. Apart from a few nutters, we prefer to salute a living symbol of royal blood, not a mere flag or some deadbeat politician elected as president. When a monarch is thought unsuitable a more satisfactory replacement is found. It happened to Charles I, James II and Edward VIII. We (and the world) remain fascinated by our monarchy, not only for its glamour, but also its utility. The entire system of justice, without Regina V, would be overturned if we were a republic. The United Kingdom would become disunited. The Head of the Commonwealth, valued by its members, would be gone and that unifying force would vanish.

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A British Rail recruitment centre in 1955: with the railways short of 20,000 workers, West Indians were again welcomed to Britain — but racial tensions soon re-emerged

who became butler to the Duchess of Montague and later a friend of Garrick's and a correspondent of Sterne's. Like many a later incomer, the quick-witted Sancho discovered that the key to the English heart was irony-shaped.

Sancho wrote scores of self-deprecating letters, for both private and public consumption, that mocked his own appearance and background.

"Figure to yourself," he expostulated on declining to serve his parish offices. "A man of comely of body exceeding Falstaff — and a black face into the bargain — waddling in the van of poor thieves and penniless prostitutes". He would very likely have found some of his countrymen among them. Gerzina's account of the lives of the black poor and the challenges they

provided to English compassion and policy-making is excellent, as is her description of the run-up to liberation and the key court cases which gave the cause of abolition a legal as well as a moral basis.

*Black England* is particularly useful in correcting our visual image of those times — dark faces were, as she notes, "as familiar a sight to Shakespeare as they were to Gar-

rick, and almost as familiar to both as they are to Londoners today". The unstable mixture of sentimental empathy on the one hand, fear and distrust on the other, with which the educated classes greeted the incomer is instantly recognisable now as we seek to define relations between ethnic groups in Britain.

Regrettably, given the intriguing subject matter, the book is rather flatly written in parts. In common with many modern writers of popular history, Gerzina has adopted a purely episodic approach to her meticulously gathered material and eschewed wider debate about the socio-political impact of the awareness of racial differences.

Given the breadth of her knowledge, had she liked to hear her engage with Stuart Hall's argument that it was the registering of an alien presence in the form of names, heraldry and pictorial art which "produced and sustained an uncodified but immensely powerful, conservative sense of Englishness". With just a few pages to go, she does note that "one of the biggest questions facing Europeans in contact with other peoples was exactly how race and colour worked". A deeper exploration in these areas might have given more breadth and texture to the book and turned it from a rewarding read into an indispensable one.

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Peter Ackroyd examines a modern critic's quest for the sacred in a secular age, and finds in his work both despair and affirmation

**T**here is a moment in one of George Steiner's stories when an elderly Marxist and a Catholic friar suppose, for the sake of argument, that "We are museum exhibits. Incurrigible characters. We are ghosts out of the dark of history...". In fact, they are essentially religious men in an increasingly secular age. Not for the first time Steiner rehearses his cultural concerns within a fictional context. Perhaps it is easier to tell the truth in a story. Yet in one of the essays in his latest collection *No Passion Spent*, he meditates upon Chardin's portrait of an idealised reader, *Le Philosophe Lisan*, whose features bear a resemblance to those of Steiner himself. In the course of a marvellous exposition of the iconography of this painting, he invokes a "ceremony of intellect...the mind's tense apprehension of meaning" which might also apply to his own techniques of exegesis. The whole essay, the whole volume, is a lament for literacy; but it is not a tragedy.

That is why he can go on to suggest that there is still time and occasion for a community of ideal readers who will seek to acquire those rudiments of mythological and scriptural recognition, of shared historical remembrance".

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The *Uncommon Reader* lacks that final pessimism of the protagonists in Steiner's story, in which the claims of visionary or sacred knowledge have been thoroughly obscured and defeated by the world. It may not be too much to suggest, then, that between these two poles, of despair and affirmation, dereliction and aspiration, the whole essay, the whole volume, is a lament for literacy; but it is not a tragedy.

His central importance lies in this: he is one of the few critics writing in English to suggest that there is a religious as well as a materialist view of the world. He even dares to claim that great literature, and great art, find their true home within a sacred rather

than a secular tradition. His own attempt to reach, and to understand, that tradition is through a broadly Judeo-Christian inheritance. Others have found it within a Protestant hermeneutic in which the values of individual sensibility (to use Raymond Williams's phrase) the "moral community" are paramount. Still others have sought to define the characteristic spirit of English literature in the light of this country's buried Catholic inheritance. There are many gurus, but the path is the same: it leads towards an understanding of poetry, and music, and art, within a reverential sense of life and destiny. That is why Steiner is so savage about America, for example, and why he is so scathing about the English novel of the last forty years. There are occasions when he overstates his case, but what is the point of understatement when so few people are willing to listen?

It is not surprising, therefore, that he is at his best here in his examination of the Bible and in his interpretation of the entire Judeo-Christian inheritance. Through



Steiner seeks the ideal reader

*That Glass Darkly*, an account of what he describes as "the historical moment which has determined the tragic destiny of the Jew over these past two thousand years", ought to be required reading for anyone who is interested in the history of civilisation. In it Steiner suggests at one point that the refusal of Christ, "the veto of the Jew" as he puts it, sprang from

Jewish idealism and messianic hope; we might say that, for the Jews, Christ was not enough. It is an insight upon which he elaborates in another essay, *Two Cocks*, where he suggests that "there is at the very root of Christianity a strong pulse of Jewish self-hatred". So we proceed from Golgotha to Auschwitz, and Steiner aptly quotes Kafka to the effect that "there is abundant hope, but there is none for us".

The arrival of Kafka in this context is not altogether unexpected since, in the course of this volume, Steiner does intimate the existence of a "canon" of Western literature; he expounds what might be called a tradition of secular scriptures. It is an exclusive affair, necessarily, and those of an Anglo-Saxon sensibility might be bruised by the absence here of most of the English writers of the last seven centuries. Yet Steiner chooses his texts carefully, and there are interesting essays on Kafka and Husserl, Simone Weil and Kierkegaard. This suggests what we ought already to have guessed — he is primarily interest-

ed in those writers who convey an identifiable metaphysical or spiritual position. There is more than a trace of German idealism in his own criticism, which allows him to prefer philosophers who write like novelists as well as novelists who write like philosophers.

In turn he is unconvinced by the theatrical, the pantomimic, or the comic. If there is anything missing in this book, it is laughter. Yet he can be very incisive when faced with what might be called recalcitrant material: of Shakespeare, he quotes Wittgenstein's remark that he was "perhaps a creator of language rather than a poet". It is similar to the question of medieval debate, "Was Virgil an orator or a poet?"

There are times when reading his essays is like eating pâté to the sound of trumpets, but the suspicion of over-indulgence is justified by the quality of the material being digested. This reviewer has only one serious disagreement with the argument of the book, and it concerns Steiner's respect for Goethe's notion of "world literature".

There really is no such thing. Perhaps one can continue the culinary metaphor for a moment longer — if it exists it is the literary equivalent of airline food, edible by all but palatable to none. Only a literature imbued with the awareness of its own origins can truly aspire to universality.

So one may turn to Steiner's own stories. Characteristically he enters the mind of the outcast or the exile, investing him with strange powers of memory and wrath. His style is sometimes close to that of De Quincey, sometimes to the Maturin of *Melmoth the Wanderer*. His fiction is best seen as a late-20th-century version of the Gothic fable, in which the horrors have turned out to be real. A German officer returns to the area of France which he once terrorised; Hitler is found in the jungles of South America. His protagonists relive the circumstances of warfare and extermination, themselves seeming to desire death or punishment in some form of expiation. The plots are extravagant, the language intense, and there is always a suspicion of stage thunder in the wings, but all is lifted upon powerful cadences of lamentation and revelation. And there, of course, Steiner's genius eventually resides.

## Dispatches from a battle of giants

Bernard Levin  
discovers that  
one man's will  
can be enough  
to defy a brutal  
regime and to  
triumph over it

This is a story in which there is great pain but also great heroism — heroism that modesty denies itself and claims that it was only doing right. But before the story comes on to the stage, there is a miracle to deal with. When the Soviet Union collapsed, mountains of documents had been left undestroyed; there are still seekers among the ruins trying to find papers concerning their particular field. And among the survivors, there was, absolutely intact, the complete files concerning the great fight of Alexander Solzhenitsyn v Soviet Union.

The head of the state throughout this story was Brezhnev, and he made one mistake, which turned out to be crucial. If he had seen even a short way into the future, he would have had Solzhenitsyn murdered, because the hero was then hardly known in his country and even less outside. But by the time Solzhenitsyn had started his fight for the truth, that towering figure was well enough known round the world not to be killed or even thrown into a dungeon.

This book consists of every reference to Solzhenitsyn by the Soviet state throughout the great

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struggle. Every statement of the hero's fight was noted word for word and every word Solzhenitsyn spat in the face of Brezhnev and his satraps they had to swallow and put on paper.

The fun began early: the entire Politburo were again and again called together to find a way to stop one man who wielded nothing but a pen. Hundreds — literally hundreds — of hours were eaten up with the Solzhenitsyn problem. And as their rage mounted, so did the hero's cool.

Almost on the first page, Andropov — who was always supposed to be the most sophisticated of the brutes — is found saying: "The question of Solzhenitsyn goes beyond working with [foreign] writers. He has written certain things... that are anti-Soviet in nature. We should take decisive measures to deal with Solzhenitsyn, for he is involved in anti-Soviet activities."

Yes, indeed, they should take decisive measures, but unfortunately their decisive measures are treated by Solzhenitsyn like this: "I propose that the congress demand and ensure the abolition of all censorship, open or hidden, of imaginative literature, and release publishing houses from the obligation to obtain clearance for every printed page... I propose that all guarantees provided by the [writers'] Union for the defence of members subjected to slander and unjust persecutions be clearly formulated... so that the past ill-galities will not be repeated."

There were other heroes who stood up for the giant. Pavkovsky, Rostropovich, Yevushenko and others risked their careers, but of



Voiceless in his own country, Solzhenitsyn's words spoke of Russia's plight throughout the world

course there were dozens of creatures ready to slander him when the appropriate whistle was blown. But once, the entire structure came crashing down on their heads: it was when Solzhenitsyn was given the Nobel Prize for Literature. Every stop had been pulled out to minimise the occasion, and the Communist parties around the world were called to order. But, beginning with *L'Unità*, one by one — *L'Humanité*, *Volkstimme* [Austria], *Land og Folk* [Netherlands], *Kansan Uutis* [Finland], *Borba* [Yugoslavia], *Politika* [Sweden], even our *Morning Star* (always the most craven when father cracked the whip) sang the praises of the great genius instead of what they had been ordered to do. And there was an enchanting *envoi*: the report on the debate ended with these words: "All these newspapers have

been confiscated by the Glavlit controller and prevented from going on sale." Yet again a shovel-full of hacks were lined up to denounce a man whose writing is a thousand times that of his persecutors (not one name has survived). But he responded immediately:

"I did not expect *Literatur Gazeta* to go that far. What I cannot understand is why they have this system — making others do it... they will never write anything themselves. Böll [the German novelist, a supporter of Solzhenitsyn] was right. We should not bark back, and try to react to everything. If things have gone so far that the entire world is reading this, they will bark from all directions, and from every lair. We should not pay any attention to this. Let them write. This will be settled by history."

And history was right. One man, with not even the right to publish his work in his own country, so enraged the leaders of that country that they began to be truly afraid of the way he was shaking the foundations of their tyranny. When a complex universe is built on a lie, sooner or later it will fall, and great rub off.

So, one afternoon, he was bundled into a plane going to West Germany, and he shouted "I will return". He was right about that, too. Now it is said he is a spent force, and few listen to him. I don't believe it; but even if it is true, Alexander Solzhenitsyn made a mark on our world that will never rub off.

*I know I am a King's Charles Head when it comes to indexes, but this one is so shoddy and useless it mars the splendid book it defines.*

ALL GOOD Russian novels are alike, but all bad Russian novels are bad in their own way. Tolstoy didn't write that, but he might have; it certainly applies to this new novel by Yevgeny Yevushenko.

This is by any measure a bad piece of fiction — woodenly written, studded with clichés, with a plot which is hard to follow — but it is nevertheless an interesting one. If read as an historical document rather than a work of literature, it is even quite absorbing.

Yevushenko, for those who do not know him already, is a Russian poet, famous both for his clumsy verse and a popularity so great that his poetry readings once filled football stadiums. Considered the "voice of a generation" in Khrushchev's 1960 thaw, he evolved into a peculiarly Soviet form of officially recognised dissident. Alternately praised and scorned by Soviet literary officialdom (depending on changes in political winds) he nevertheless accumulated wives and cars at an astonishing rate, was allowed to travel abroad without much trouble, and was, naturally, suspected of more insidious forms of collaboration by all of his fellow writers and poets.

METAPHORICALLY, *Don't Die Before You're Dead* is Yevushenko's attempt to justify a lifetime spent walking a fine line between official approval and genuine dissent. Literally, it is an account of the failed coup carried out against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in August 1991. Some of the characters seem to be fictional: there is Stepan Palichkov, a police investigator, who joins in the protests around the Russian White House, thereby renewing his love for his estranged wife, Lyza, the decrepit former football star, who also joins the protests, thereby renewing his love for the woman he should have married but did not.

Most of the characters, designated by somewhat coy pseudonyms, are real: The Russian President (Yeltsin), *The Human Cello* (Rostropovich), The Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Marshal, The Emigré, The Mysterious Speaker, and so on. Yevushenko puts himself in, of course (presumably he thinks of himself as The Poet). And it is true

### A poet's novel Russian blend

Anne Applebaum

#### DON'T DIE BEFORE YOU'RE DEAD By Yevgeny Yevushenko Robson Books, £16.99

that he was present on the balcony of the Russian parliament on the day after the coup, when it was clear that the plot had been foiled. He reprints the verse he wrote to commemorate the event at the time: "And the Russian Parliament / like a wounded marble swan of fire dom/ Defended by our people/ swims into eternity".

What is almost interesting about the book is the genuine ambiguity that the author seems to feel about the events he is witnessing. On the one hand, Yevushenko styles himself as a great democrat, proud to be involved in these historic events.



Yevushenko (left) with actor Nicolai Karachentsov during the filming of *Kindergarten* (1979), the author's debut as a director

## Spirit and stink bombs

Michael Hamburger is best known for his translations of classic and modern German poetry, his versions of Hölderlin and Rilke in particular being among the best there are in English. He was born in Berlin in 1924, but came to England as a child. Now in his seventies, after a lifetime devoted to the service of other people's verse, his *Collected Poems 1941-1994* reveals him as an interesting poet in his own right.

It comes as no surprise that Hamburger's recurring theme is rootlessness. Images of dispossessing haunt him. What is remarkable is the quiet good sense with which he turns his personal predicament into an emblem of the general human condition. A key poem, *Conformist*, begins "Brand-ed in childhood, for thirty years he strove" To hide the scar", a reference to his early sufferings as a German Jewish immigrant, but ends with two lines which tell a more-than-autobiographical truth: "Come late into the freedom his birth/ To breathe the air, and walk the ownerless earth". A small triumph of the human spirit should be the fall of it.

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Drawing on the European tradition as much as the English, Hamburger's work ranges from musical and rhyming explorations of his own melancholy and sense of alienation, to poems that abandon all constraints, formal or moral, and just go off like stink bombs. He calls this latter category his "unpleasanties", and some of these works are among his strongest pieces, notably those written as spoken by a character called Mr Littlejoy, a sort of *doppelgänger* who is perhaps everything the poet does not allow himself to be. The longer and more ambitiously philosophical poems seem to me to be

the least successful, and satires such as *Big Deal* do not read as sharply now as they did when they were first published back in the Sixties.

The best of Michael Hamburger, though, is another story altogether. This comes in a number of poems in which his quest for meaning and his delight and despair in language question each other — poems as various as his elegy for his poet-father Thomas Blackburn in which he ponders the difficulty of finding a rhyme for "suffer", or the poem

Robert Nye

#### COLLECTED POEMS 1941-1994

By Michael Hamburger  
Avril Press, £25

#### NORTHBOROUGH SONNETS

By John Clare  
Carcanet, pp, £9.95

called *Names* where he bewails the impossibility of writing about a daddy-long-legs ("Give any creature a funny name/ And not the name but the creature becomes a joke"), or the poem called simply *Words* in which he defines poetry: "A curious trade, I admit! Turning a thing into words so that words will render the thing".

Hamburger has an informed and unsentimental love for the English countryside which at best reminds me of Edward Thomas and John Clare, and it is fitting that one of his most memorable poems celebrates the latter. At the Assumption of John Clare to Westminster Abbey beginning: "To walk four nights, three days with one good shoe — That he

got through./Sustained by chewed tobacco and plucked grass;/Such trials pass".

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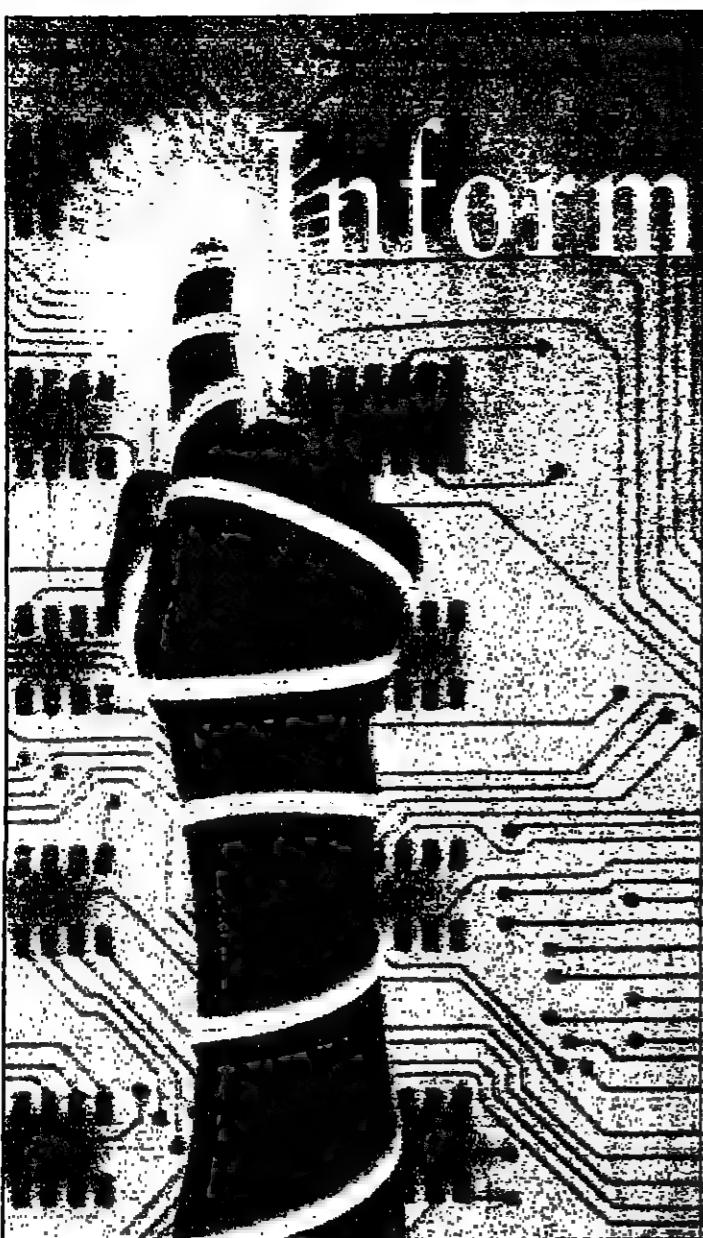
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# Faldo driven by desire to be a major force again

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

NICK FALDO begins the new year with renewed hope of recapturing the form that made him the world's most feared golfer when he makes his 1996 bow in the Mercedes Championship at La Costa, Carlsbad, California, today.

He is among an elite field of 31 golfers, all of them winners on last year's US PGA Tour. Faldo qualified by virtue of his dramatic victory in the Doral Open in Miami last March. He added the runners-up berth in the Honda Classic and ended a lucrative three weeks by finishing fifth in the Nestle Invitational.

He had every reason to be optimistic of adding to his five major titles, but his season fell apart — only two other top ten finishes on the US circuit and his poorest performance in the four majors for a decade, his best showing a share of 24th place in the Masters.

He was not helped by the publicity surrounding the break up of his ten-year marriage, which clearly affected his focus, a facet of his game that has always been a strength.

Faldo is determined to put 1995 behind him and become a force on the world stage again. If he needs a guide to his prospects, it will be provided this week, with all four major champions in action, plus the world No 1, Greg Norman.

Faldo has a new set of Mizuno clubs, an unusual two-cover ball from Bridgestone, his suppliers, but, more importantly, the desire to force his way back among the leaders of a sport he dominated for so long.

After slipping to sixth in the world rankings, Faldo is gearing himself for the four-tournament "Florida Swing" at the end of next month, when he will be looking for a confidence-boosting display before

attempting to land a third Masters title.

"Last year wasn't good, I didn't play well and I have to find out why," he said. "I drove the ball consistently but my iron shots weren't good."

I am normally all around the hole with my short iron. When I am playing well, I have something like a dozen chances from inside 15 feet. I didn't have that kind of percentage and that's what I've got to get back. I should be able to stand there with any club and knock the ball to within five yards of the flag."

"But I am looking forward to this season. I feel good that my game is going to be OK this year. Everything is nice and simple, I don't have any technical thoughts."

"I am just trying to add the finishing touches to my feel. I need to work hard on the short game from a nine-iron down. That is going to be the key."

Faldo will also pay close attention to his concentration and he confessed that was probably another reason for his recent failure to make an impact: "Focus happens naturally and that has always been my best quality, the ability to walk up to the ball and switch on. It didn't happen naturally and that was my problem."

"I had too many thoughts in my head and it chipped away at my confidence. Basically, I was hitting bad shots because I wasn't as 100 per cent sure as I had been in the past."

He has yet to finalise his plans for Europe this year, although his first appearance is likely to be in the PGA Championship at Wentworth in May. "I may fit in another event around that time but I will concentrate on this circuit until August and my main priority, apart from the majors, is to have a successful season here," he said.



Faldo believes he must improve his short game and concentration this year

## Thaw frustrates golf eccentrics

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

**SNO**W had fallen and the frost had bitten so deep into the ground that it made every footfall at Rye Golf Club ring out like a tap dancer's. On Boxing Day, the ground was so hard that many members participated in a club competition using only a driver and a putter.

Though golfers throughout the rest of the country would have deplored such conditions, in the sturdy clubhouse at the well-known Sussex club, there was approval of the climate. This was precisely the sort of weather needed for the President's Putter, a competition that starts at Rye and Littlestone golf courses this morning and demonstrates the eccentricities of the English at play.

The whole point of the Putter is that it is different. It is only open to members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society and played annually at the least hospitable time of the year on one of the best courses in Britain.

Play is swift, which is one reason why it stands out from almost every other competition these days, and it is matchplay, not strokeplay, which is another.

Most of all, it is different because it goes on despite the weather. There is an unspoken wish for it to be played in the worst possible conditions to make it seem more daft and more British than ever. So the Arctic conditions that blanketed most of England during Christmas week

seemed entirely appropriate. Then came the thaw, however, and those who were at Rye yesterday found it damp and grey overhead with a hint of mist.

Eleven previous winners will be in attendance this year, though not Andy Woolough, who defeated Michael MacPhee in the final 12 months ago, nor Mark Berka, the Oxford captain last year. He has a thesis to complete by mid-January.

Peter Gracey, 74, is making his 47th appearance in the event, while Martin Yates could become the third man to have played 100 or more matches. His total to date is 97. The record of 111 matches is held by the late Gerald Micklem.

## St Helens may rue absence of Newlove in semi-final

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

HAVING come out on top in five of six previous meetings in the rugby league Regal Trophy, history is on Warrington's side in their rearranged semi-final tonight at St Helens, where they enjoy a 100 per cent record in the competition.

At nearly full strength than a home side that is still without the inspirational trio of Paul Newlove, Anthony Sullivan and Chris Joynot, Warrington are considered slight favourites to claim the spoils at Knowsley Road for a fourth time and reach the final at Huddersfield on Saturday week, for a second year running.

Joey Hayes, on the St Helens right wing, and Keiron Cunningham and Apollo Perellini, in the front row, return, but Newlove, the club's recent £500,000 world-record signing, has not recovered from foot tendon problems.

Warrington have still to finalise their side. However, Jason Harris and Mark Jones, their two Wales internationals, and Paul Cullen, the new club captain, will play, while a hip injury in the defeat by Wigton on Monday is not expected to prevent Paul Sutcliffe linking up in the back row with Kelly Sheldow, Dave King, the Australian prop, who broke his wrist in the Wigan match, has been ruled out of action for three months.

As well as chasing a first appearance with St Helens, Bobbie Goulding has a personal target of four points to reach 1,000 in club and international appearances since 1988. More than half the scrum half's scoring output has been in 18 prodigious matches at a club where he last appears settled after spells at Wigan, Leeds and Widnes.

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## Gunnell delights in preparing case for defence

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

WHILE most revellers were seeing in 1996, Sally Gunnell was celebrating a more poignant calendar change. Farewell Injury Year, welcome Olympic Year. One calendar detail she would like noted for 1996: she has changed the date of her thirtieth birthday.

Gunnell leaves her twenties on July 29, the day of her semi-final in defence of her Olympic 400 metres hurdles title. "There will not be much celebrating," she said yesterday. "I will probably not even open a card, or a present. My birthday will be on hold."

She will have it, instead, on August 1, the day after the Olympic final. Then, she hopes, there will be some serious celebrating to do.

For an Olympic champion, there is nothing more daunting than Olympic year. Will the reign last another four years?

The old year was miserable for Gunnell. She did not race once over 400 metres hurdles. An injury in the area of her right Achilles tendon prevented her from defending her world title; worse still, she lost her world record.

"I was counting down the days to get to the end of '95," Gunnell said. So, when the new year came, she was ready for it. "It was a relief to get there. I wanted to get that year out of the way."

The new year has brought new hope. In the past fortnight, she has taken a significant step forward in testing her injury over hurdles. "I am really moving on," she said.

"I am in spikes, getting my speed back. The strength is there and I am hurdling."

A sure sign of progress is that Gunnell left last night for three weeks' hard training in South Africa. All being well, she will return to racing over 400 metres in the indoor grand prix meeting in Stuttgart on February 4. Any time inside 54 seconds would do.

"In 1993, before I broke the world record, I started off with a 53.6 and finished up with 52.5; if I can race something like that, I will be happy," she said.

said. "What is most important is going to races and getting that feeling of nerves."

Her indoor plan covers four races, but not the European championships, all over 400 metres, followed by spring training and, ideally, seven hurdles races before the Olympic Games. As the Olympics are earlier than is usual for the big championship of the year, Gunnell will start racing outdoors in mid-May.

There will be no attempt to avoid her main rivals before Atlanta. She certainly expects to race Kim Batten, her successor as world champion and record-holder with 52.6sec. Gunnell was working for the BBC at the world champion-



Gunnell: back in spikes

ships, and the shock of seeing Batten take her record, which nobody had predicted, remains with her.

"Sitting there watching, it never crossed my mind that the world record was going to go," Gunnell said. "I was thrown into interviewing her straight away and was asking her the questions that I wanted answers to."

Now, it is Gunnell's turn to come up with answers. Can she improve on 52.7sec, her old world record?

"I have always thought I can run faster than that and I still think I am capable of it," she said. "Five people can win in Atlanta, so it is definitely going to be a world record. Hopefully, it will be me."

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# Todd turns to familiar face in fight for survival

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

**COLIN TODD** is losing no time in filling the gap left by the departure of Roy McFarland as the manager of Bolton Wanderers. Todd, McFarland's co-manager until the latter's dismissal on Tuesday night and now in sole charge at Bolton, is expected to appoint Ian Porterfield as the club's new coach today.

Porterfield, 49, the former Reading, Sheffield United, Chelsea and Aberdeen manager and a former playing colleague of Todd's at Sunderland, was at Burnden Park yesterday for talks with Todd and is likely to be given the job ahead of two other candidates, John Pickering and Frank Stapleton, the former Manchester United forward. He will then join Bolton's unequal struggle to stay in the FA Carling Premiership. Some-

Porterfield is still best remembered for scoring the winning goal for Sunderland, then of the second division, in their dramatic 1973 FA Cup Final victory over Leeds United, at the time the dominant team in the country. However, his managerial career has given him extensive and, Todd hopes, perhaps invaluable experience of football at all levels.

Todd called a players' meeting yesterday morning to clear the air and Scott Sellars, an £800,000 signing from Newcastle United last month, said: "Everyone knows being a football manager is precarious. It's not a nice thing to happen and my thoughts are with Roy. I am disappointed for him — after all, he brought me here."

"I've only been at the club for a short time and have never worked under a joint-manager situation before. I was very shocked when I heard the news on television. I had no idea it would happen. I feel the players must take some of the blame."

Such managerial changes are inconceivable at Newcastle, inspired as they are by the talismanic Kevin Keegan. They stretched their lead at the top of the Premiership back to seven points on Tuesday night with a 2-0 defeat of Arsenal at St James' Park. Goals from David Ginola and Les Ferdinand earned them their eleventh consecutive home victory in the League.

Newcastle, too, turn their attention to the FA Cup this weekend, meeting Chelsea on Sunday. The west London club may be without Ruud Gullit, who was carried off on a stretcher during the 2-1 victory at Queens Park Rangers on Tuesday. Gullit, who returned for Chelsea's grueling four-match Christmas programme after missing six matches with a calf injury, now has back trouble.

"He has been having problems with the sciatic nerve for a little while now," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said. "He is in a fair bit of pain and we won't know how it is for a couple of days."

thing they must achieve despite being eight points adrift at the bottom of the table.

Todd wants an assistant in place before Saturday's awkward FA Cup third-round tie at Bradford City, of the Endsleigh Insurance League, after the traumatic departure of McFarland just six months after he was appointed, in succession to Bruce Rioch, now the manager of Arsenal.

"Recent events have been a big disappointment for us all," Todd said yesterday. "Roy took the decision very well and we have parted on good terms. We have tried hard this season, but not had too much in the way of luck."

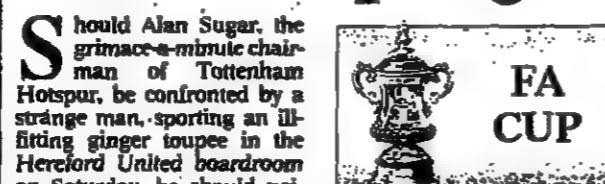
"We need to look forward and I realise that it is a challenge to keep Bolton in the Premiership. My first priority is to find a right-hand man."



Hill, the chairman, and Turner, the director of football, join forces with Hereford United's mascot. Photograph: John Potter

## Hill hoping Hereford have last laugh

Russell Kempson meets the chairman who will not let defeat spoil his sense of humour



FA CUP

probed as to the state of his sanity. On an occasion when Hill coughed, and the thatch fell off, at a meeting of Football League chairman, the drop-jawed reaction of many of his colleagues provoked much mirth.

Rarely does the White Hart Lane hierarchy trek to such humble abodes as Edgar Street, deep in livestock land on the England-Wales border with its corrugated fencing, subsiding terracing and burnt-out sportsman's club — now a boarded up relic of suspicious circumstances. Yet this is the FA Cup third round, against opposition from the lower reaches of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division, and anything goes.

There are a lot of good winners in football but a lot of terrible losers. Whatever the result on Saturday, the Tottenham officials will be entertained, I promise. We'll have a laugh and I'll have the toupee ready just in case."

Hill once wore the hairpiece in front of Martin Edwards, chief executive of Manchester United, and was subsequently

wonderful but it's something we've had to live with ever since," he said. "People are always saying the side is not as good as it was then, and it becomes a bit tiresome. It's time to move on from that and perhaps we will."

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from Rochdale and Hartlepools United.

If the smart suits from north London regard Hill's proposed antics as pure bull, they are right. Before kick-off, Freetown Kudos, the supreme champion at the National Hereford Show, will be paraded in all his one-tonne glory. "Hereford is about hops, cider, cattle and Hereford United," Hill said. "And we're proud of it."

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Turner, the director of football said.

"Had Hill and Fry correctly selected two more numbers on one line of their National Lottery ticket last week, they would have collected substantially more than £39. Problem solved: Premiership here we come. Yet they soldier on, and with a jovial honesty in a tarnished business."

Hereford has endured many torrid chapters near bankruptcy in 1982 among them. Hill has, too; while feathers nailed to his front door, threatening letters, abusive phone calls. In moments of weakness, he has offered to resign.

Humour, though, has helped him through. Like the time he stood to congratulate Robert Maxwell, newly installed at Oxford United, on the obese one's maiden speech to the assembled League chairmen. Maxwell's face crumpled when Hill joked that he would still not be buying his blend of Maxwell House coffee. Further proof if it were needed, that Sugar should beware on Saturday. "One fup or two, Adam!"

## Kafelnikov to be next test for Rusedski

**GREG RUSEDSKI**, the British No 1, will meet the top seed, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, in the quarter-finals of the Australian hard court tennis championships after beating Scott Draper, of Australia, 6-3, 6-2 in Adelaide yesterday.

"I'm happy with the way I'm playing, my serving and ground strokes were good," Rusedski said after his second-round success. The No 7 seed is trying to make better use of his powerful serve. "I'm trying to play smarter, not go so much for the big serve every time," he said. "I'm trying to mix things up a little more."

## Kerly returns

**HOCKEY**: Sean Kerly will return to the National League on February 4 after his winter break. Kerly, the scorer of eight goals for Great Britain's 1988 Olympic gold medal-winning team in Seoul, left Canterbury a couple of seasons ago to join Bournemouth, a South League team, but has now signed for Richmond, who are struggling to avoid relegation from the second division.

## Spinner in clear

**CRICKET**: Muttiah Muralitharan, the Sri Lankan off spinner embroiled in a throwing controversy, took two wickets in a ten-over World Series Cup defeat by West Indies in Hobart yesterday. He was not called by either umpire. "We always thought that his bowling was OK," Dulce Mendis, the Sri Lanka manager, said.

## Easy for Ebdon

**SNOOKER**: Peter Ebdon showed impressive form to reach the quarter-finals of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in Birmingham yesterday. Ebdon, the provisional world No 3, overcame Tony Drago, of Malta, 5-3.

## Hill banned

**SQUASH**: Anthony Hill, of Australia, has been banned from the Professional Squash Association world tour for three months and fined £1,400 for offences committed in a number of tournaments.

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## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

**BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT**

Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson will provide the best British hope for success in the Macallan International pairs. This is a hand played by Forrester in a recent match-pointed pairs event.

Dealer East East-West game Match-pointed pairs

♦AK10  
♦KJ85  
♦KQ42  
♦K2

♦A107543  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♦K65  
♦A732  
♦A98  
♦K8

Contract: Four Spades

Lead: King of Diamonds

In match-pointed pairs, if you are in a standard contract, it is important to make as many tricks as possible, even if you take a slight risk of going down (the scoring method used in the Macallan pairs is more like teams scoring).

Forrester won the king of diamonds with the ace. His best chance of making overtricks was to establish the clubs, so he cashed the king of clubs, crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed a club. He continued with queen and another spade, drawing the remaining trumps.

When West showed out on the ace of clubs, Forrester ruffed the fourth round of clubs with his last trump. Now, he led a diamond towards dummy's jack — had East had the queen, Forrester was going to go off. However, after the lead, that was unlikely; in practice, all West could do was take the queen of

## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE  
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Hastings leaders

After five rounds of the Hastings Premier tournament, the strongest all-grandmaster event to have been played in Great Britain for several years, the scores are: Conquest, Sadler and Lalic 3½; Khalifman 3; Miles, Speelman, Yermolinsky 2½; Atalik, Hodgson 1½; Luther 1. In this game, Matthew Sadler, the British champion, defeated the winner of the event last year.

White: Matthew Sadler

Black: Thomas Luther

Hastings Premier

January 1996

English Defence

1 d4 Nf6  
2 c4 e6  
3 Nc3 Bb4  
4 e3 Nc6  
5 Bf4 Nf6  
6 Nf3 Bg4  
7 g3 Oe7  
8 Nc3 Nf6  
9 Bg2 Nc6  
10 Nf3 Nf6  
11 Nc3 Nc6  
12 Re1 Nf6  
13 Bf3 Nc6  
14 Nf3 Nf6  
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# Dublin Flyer grounded for Sandown

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

IT IS a case of two steps forward, one step back as far as the rescheduled King George VI Tripleprint Chase is concerned.

Master Oats has rejoined the cast and Josh Gifford confirmed yesterday that Brief Gale has sufficiently recovered from a minor injury to reappear at Sandown on Saturday. But Dublin Flyer, a 10-1 chance, has literally been frozen out of contention.

Dublin Flyer's enforced absence is gathering for his trainer, Tim Forster, whose Martha's Son was an earlier King George withdrawal through injury. The ten-year-old remains in one piece, although connections will be disappointed at missing the chance to test him against the best at level weights.

John Sumner, the gelding's owner, said: "Captain Forster has not been able to do enough work with him. We thought there was no point running if he was not ready, so we will wait for another day — possibly the John Bull Chase at Wincanton."

If the weather has hijacked Dublin Flyer's ambitions, it has earned a reprieve for Brief Gale. Had it taken place on Boxing Day the mare would have missed the big event with a minor leg wound. But her trainer, Josh Gifford, now throws her in at the deep end with three races.

"I'd have liked a prep race before sending her for such a tough race," the trainer said. "It's far from ideal, but she is



Air Shot (left) gets the better of No Pain No Gain in the Sevenoaks Novices' Chase at Lingfield yesterday

very well. Time is ticking by; we've got to start somewhere." Brief Gale's principal target is the Cheltenham Gold Cup, in which Gifford hopes to defend his unbeaten record over fences in the ING Barings

Novices' Chase and As Des Carres, the French chaser destined for the Grand National, makes his British debut in the Tolworth Hurdle.

Gifford is working hard to qualify As Des Carres for an official rating, although the

engaged a jockey for Master Oats. With Graham Bradley aboard the Irish challenger, Merry Gale, Bailey is to delay a decision until Jamie Osborne is firmly committed to partnering Coulton. Heavy rain would almost certainly prompt Coulton's defection, leaving Osborne free for Master Oats.

Martin Pipe served notice that his string remained fit throughout the freeze-up with three winners at Exeter on Monday. It was the Somerset trainer who suffered in the cold spell, having tumbled from his bicycle. Pipe looked a shade ginger when the bandwagon rolled on to Lingfield yesterday but a 31-1 double, courtesy of Valiant Toski and Teran, quickly put the spring back into his step.

Pipe's training feat was matched by the David Nicholson stable, another to stay on the move through the Arctic blast. Nicholson's yard, situated high up in the Cotswolds, did not see a flake of snow over Christmas and this was reflected by Air Shot's gradual wearing down of No Pain No Gain in the Sevenoaks Novices' Chase over two miles.

Air Shot jumped with aplomb and appears a talented recruit to the bigger obstacles. However, pride of place yesterday belonged to his stablemate, St Melion Fairway, who made tracks of his opponents in the Haxted Novices' Chase over three miles.

The horse occasionally betrayed his inexperience, particularly when he ran down the last two fences. Still on the King George front, Kim Bailey has yet to

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# McCloy becomes BHB director

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

MATTHEW McCLOY was chosen as a director of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) yesterday — exactly ten weeks after his much-publicised arrest in New York and subsequent admission of disorderly conduct.

An attempt by trainers and breeders, supported by bloodstock representatives, to postpone the election for a vacant BHB seat failed to gather sufficient support at a meeting of the BHB's industry committee, chaired by McCloy.

After the delaying plan

was thwarted, McCloy was nominated as a candidate by Bill Adams, representing stable staff. No other candidates were proposed, negating the need for an election.

The BHB industry committee unanimously agreed today that its chairman, Matthew McCloy, should succeed Michael Darrell as a BHB industry member and director for four years with effect from June 7, 1996, a BHB statement stated.

"Matthew McCloy's

the sole nomination received within the time-scale agreed by the committee on December 5. A proposal that the time allowed for nominations should be extended was considered, but this was rejected by the committee by a significant majority."

McCloy, who has been a co-opted but non-voting member of racing's ruling body since his election as industry committee chairman last year, said yesterday he was "delighted."

"There is plenty of work to be done and there are some big matters coming up, not least the development with the Board of a financial strategy. I am looking forward very much to the next four years, particularly 1996, which is going to be a big year for racing," he added.

The time-scale set for the election last month meant nominations had to be submitted by yesterday, with voting taking place on January 17. The National Trainers' Federation and Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), which have been critical of McCloy's conduct, sought to have the deadline for nominations and the election extended.

Had they succeeded, it is believed, McCloy would have resigned as industry committee chairman.

Rhidian Morgan-Jones, president of the TBA, said that although breeders remained convinced that deferring the election would have been in the best interests of racing and McCloy, the matter was now closed and "we regard McCloy as an able chairman."

## NOTTINGHAM

### THUNDERER

- 12.20 KING LUCIFER (nap) 2.20 Fox On The Run  
12.60 Tamergale 2.50 General Tonic  
1.20 Baby Boy 3.20 My Rossini  
1.50 The Bud Club 3.50 Mighty Moes

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 BRAES OF MAR

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### 12.20 WEST BRIDGford NOVICES CHASE

(Div II; 23.16; 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

- 101 2002-02 PYRHINE PRINCE 25 (f) (W) Neale John White 12-0-0 ... D Fennell 2.00  
102 2002-02 KING LUCIFER 24 (g) (E) (Element) G Edwards 9-12-0 ... D Fennell 2.00  
103 2002-02 DERRING VALLEY 24 (f) (S) (S) (W) Adey 5-1-0 ... D Fennell 2.00  
104 0904-23 BALLYMOR 20 (b) (D) (W) (L) (M) (S) (N) (T) (R) 7-1-0 ... D Fennell 2.00  
105 0904-23 BORD HILL 18 (b) (A) (H) (R) (A) 7-1-0 ... D Fennell 2.00  
106 0904-23 KING LUCIFER 19 (b) (L) (W) (D) (S) (N) 7-1-0 ... J Folley 7.00  
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113 0904-23 JARROW 18 (b) (A) (C) (D) (S) (N) 7-1-0 ... J Folley 7.00

BETTING: 7-4 King Lucifer, 8-1 Craggy Lad, 10-1 Ballymory, Picot's Hill, 12-1 Amber Hunter, 14-1 Glass

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## Skaters and curlers relish the chill by reviving historic contests



Fenland skaters get set for the off, in a rare opportunity to practise their sport in preparation for speed racing on the frozen waters. Photograph: Julian Herbert

## Taking tradition out of the deep freeze

**A**t the first few icicles and sniff of snowflakes in the air, most of British sport groans, sinks into despair and declares a crisis. Big Freeze Hits Sport, crackle the headlines. Horse racing clatters to a halt, football kicks along only where there is the artificial pitch-doctoring of underoil heating or, as in the case of Middlesbrough, a ground-covering duvet. I even turned up for a seven-mile foot race on Wimbledon Common at the weekend to find that it had been frozen off.

Yet the sportsmen who blear at their fixtures being hit by a snap of cold weather should spare a thought for those traditional British sports that rely on a decent freeze — for them, the winter days are all too few and never cold enough.

Last week, they held the ice skating championship of the Fens for the first time for three years, and the greatest outdoor curling match of all — the Bonspiel, or Grand Match — has taken place only 33 times in the past 150 winters.

Sportsmen such as curlers and Fenland skaters do not fight the weather; they make the most of it. They are in a long tradition. In the days before sport became something you watched rather than took part in, a cold spell was seen as an opportunity

for people to get out and enjoy themselves. Skating, for instance, is very ancient, and the early equipment, though primitive, made it genuinely a sport for all.

A vivid report of the use of bone skates, which were generally the shin-bone of a deer or a horse, was written 800 years ago by a clerk to Archbishop Thomas a Becket, in a description of London. "When the great fence or moore (which washeth the walles of the citie on the north side) is frozen, many young people play upon the yce; some tie bones to their feete and under their heelis, and shoving themselves by a little picked staffe doe slide as swiftly as a bird flyeth in the air or an arrow out of a cross-bow."

Perhaps winters really have changed a lot. Certainly curling, which is rather like a heavyweight game of bowls on ice, was for centuries an exclusively outdoor game. A few frozen days would draw whole communities in Scotland out on to the ice world abandoned, as neighbouring parishes played challenge matches. Yet, since the first indoor game (in Glasgow in 1907), the outdoor game has all but disappeared.

It is now 16 years since the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was able to



summon curlers to the Grand Match, held traditionally on one of five lochs or lakes that are watched all winter if they are frozen hard enough. These days, the ice has to be at least eight inches thick. At the last Bonspiel, in February 1970, crowds of upwards of 10,000 players and spectators stepped on to the groaning ice for the occasion. The draw for the 600 teams, who represent the north of Scotland against the south, is made every July just in case the weather is up to supporting the next Grand Match.

The only curling rink south of the Trent where the traditional game could be played outdoors was on the top of Wimbledon Common. I was there at the weekend for a race

organised by the Lauriston Running Club. A harder bunch you will never find, but, as the start, their shivering elders inspected the ice-bound course and declared the event cancelled.

As a mild gesture of disapproval, I trotted round the course anyway. Everywhere was frozen stone-hard and slippery. I passed close by where the old Wimbledon Curling Club would once have revelled in such conditions. It has long gone, converted into a car park; but, on Saturday, even the car park looked perfect for curling.

In the Fens, they still know how to enjoy real winter weather. After three barren years, their skaters have just fought for a title that has a proud history. A 19th-century description of Fenland skaters talks of powerful, broad-backed men, with a slow, heavy, almost stiff, gait. "Though on land they could hardly run half a mile, yet on ice, with only a day's practice, they can hold their own, and beat the best trained skaters of a second behind."

They won again next day over double the distance. They seem not to have gone along with the idea that the unsuitable British climate should rule out success at winter sport and turn us all into a nation modelled on Eddie the Eagle. The Fenmen returned to Holland the next winter, this time taking on and beating the top 14 Dutchmen over two miles of a second behind.

Their championship this year, in sub-zero temperatures over a 1½-mile course at Bury Fen, near Earth, was won by Michael Edwards, 17, from West Winch, near King's Lynn. He loves it when it freezes, but he did not blear and despair this week when the thaw came along. He just adapted his routine to keep in shape for the sort of winter that occurs only every three years or so. He simply took to his high-tech, in-line roller skates to dream of the next great freeze.

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## Thomas in prime position for vital role

By DAVID HANCOCK  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

**A**RWEIL THOMAS, the Bristol stand-off half, moved a step nearer to a first rugby union cap for Wales yesterday when Neil Jenkins withdrew from contention for the meeting with Italy on January 16. Jenkins, Wales' leading points-scorer, has a fractured collarbone and may also be unavailable for their first five nations' championship

match against England at Twickenham on February 3.

Though there may be some local clamour for Jonathan Davies, the returned prodigal, to resume his international career, Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, must look at the two youngsters whom he named last month in his first national squad since being appointed: Thomas and Michael Lewis, of Bridgend.

Davies has played only two games since resuming his

rugby union career in November and has no form to justify selection, but Thomas, 21, has been watched regularly and Bowring is said to have been encouraged by reports that he has received.

Terry Cobner, the former Pontypool and Wales flanker, heads the shortlist for post of director of rugby for the Welsh Rugby Union, which will be announced today.

Kurt McQuillan, 29, the New Zealand-born centre

once of North Auckland and King Country, will win his first cap for Ireland against the United States in Atlanta on Saturday.

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## WORD-WATCHING

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MATCHUS

(b) A servant of the high priest, who was present when Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane and whose right ear was cut off in the concomitant scuffle. Jesus commanded the assailant, whom John named as Peter, to desist, and according to Luke replaced the ear. In the Cathedral at Naumburg, the so-called Master of Naumburg carved, in the 13th century, the betrayal of Jesus which gives the greatest prominence to the severance of the ear.

ARCHELAUS

(a) Eiarch of Judea, 4 BC to AD 6, son of King Herod the Great. Received on his father's death about half his kingdom with the diminished title of eiarch, viz. national leader. Young, weak and rascious, he was removed by the Emperor Augustus, who turned Judea into a Roman province of minor kind governed by a procurator, with its capital moved from Jerusalem to Caesarea.

MERAB

(a) The elder of Saul's two daughters. She was promised by her father to David but given to somebody else. David sent instead the younger daughter Michal.

COSBI

(c) A Midianitish woman brought into the camp of the Israelites in the wilderness of Sinai by Zimri. She was a prostitute, and Phinehas the priest killed them both — but not before 24,000 Israelites had died of the plague with which God afflicted them.

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# Curious case of Hetty the misplaced matron

**F**irst, the good news — there is little wrong with Hetty Wainthropp Investigates (BBC1) that 7.30pm on a Sunday night could not put right. The bad news is that it went out last night at 9.30pm which, to be blunt, is way past its bedtime.

Call me old-fashioned, call me naive, but I had always fondly imagined that the few drama slots available after the nine o'clock watershed were reserved, if not always for adult drama ("the following programme includes scenes that some viewers may find offensive...") then certainly for grown-up drama. Something with a little substance, something to give the little grey cells a late night roundabout before they finally conk out halfway through *Newsgirl*. Last night, the poor neglected things were still turning cart-wheels as Jeremy Paxman galloped through "tomorrow's front page stories".

For Hetty Wainthropp is definitely not a woman of substance. From her cod-northern name to the pastiche brass band music that accompanies her every unlikely move, she is a confection. Clad in sensible blue mac and matching tea-cosy hat, she looks solid enough but the first puff of analytical wind exposes her for what she is — a collection of spun-sugar storylines.

Not, of course, that there is anything wrong with that. The history of successful popular drama is littered with such two-dimensional characters — just not normally so late at night. But until the schedules are rearranged, a warning will have to do. The following programme includes scenes that some viewers will find too silly for words.

Patricia Routledge plays Wainthropp, who on her sixtieth birthday ("I'm not 60 and I never will

be") decides to become a detective — making it not so much an Aga saga as a *Saga* saga. As someone never that devoted to *Hyacinth Bucket*, I found Routledge's rapid reincarnation (the last *Keeping Up Appearances* was on Christmas Day) relatively easy to accept. More serious Bucket fans, I suspect, will have found it harder.

**B**ut nothing like as hard as I found the plot. The story of the evil biochemical plant pumping out waste products that turn girl shrinks into boy shrinks and nice little old ladies into murderous, bearded, bag ladies was pure *Enid Blyton*. With the help of three trusty teenagers and lashings of conveniently placed garden netting, La Wainthropp even managed to trap a secret agent. Well, Hurrah for Hetty.

At 70 minutes, this establishing episode seemed interminable — particularly as there seemed so

## REVIEW



Matthew Bond

on cracking form. Spend an hour in the emergency room of Chicago General and you will never give Buz and Charlie another thought.

The pace is astonishing, exhausting and a triumph for technical choreography. Last night's episode began with a gang shooting but it was the resultant hospital confusion that got us off to a start impressive by even *ER* standards. In one take lasting 40 seconds, uninterrupted by a single edit, one camera shot eight scenes — taking in two operating tables, one reception desk, one hospital bed and three separate journeys up and down a corridor. The only surprise was that the bad-tempered Dr Benton (Eric Lasalle) was eventually knocked over by a trolley, rather than the camera.

The collision made him even more bad-tempered with Carter (Noah Wyle), who returned from his summer break three hours late but beautifully tanned. "What do

you know about the arteries of the neck?" barked Benton. "There are lots of them!" replied Carter hopefully, safe in the knowledge that it wouldn't be long before a female patient would say: "My, but you're handsome — are you a doctor?" It wasn't.

A little earlier the presence of both Eastman Holmes and "supermodel turned actor" Paula Hamilton made it clear beyond doubt that we were in for some seriously grown-up television with *Back to the Present* (ITV), which promised to investigate reincarnation through something called past life regression.

Holmes gave it the sort of ballyhoo that P.T. Barnum would have been proud of. We would be party to "one of the greatest feats the human mind can achieve" and were promised "no camera tricks, sleight of hand or special effect". Wisely, however, he did not prom-

ise us a programme devised by anyone other than the person who would later appear as its resident regression expert. Hardly conflict there at all.

Under the hypnotic hand of Lawrence Leyton (who in a past life may well have been a lizard) Hamilton became supermodel-turned-actor-turned-19th-century young man. A change of sex for the glossy Hamilton but not, it seemed, of style. Ashley Brown announced that he lived in Kensington Church Street. So handy for ye olde shoppes.

With Hamilton recounting her/his story, "a time detective" was dispensed in blonde hair and mini-skirt (whatever happened to mads and matching tea-costumes?) to research the historical truth of Mr Brown. What she unearthed was hardly the smoking gun but was enough to make you go "hmmm". The same could be said of the show itself — hmmm while it lasted.

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10.00 News (Ceefax) (482497) <b>10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook</b> Two hopeless cooks are challenged to create a family favourite. (6514568)	
10.30 Good Morning with Anna and Nick. Including: 11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (s) (34051)	
12.00 News (Ceefax) (6650549) <b>12.05pm Pebble Mill</b> The guest is Timothy Spall (s) (9881655) 12.50 Regional News and weather (s) (13536810)	
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2.35 This Is Your Life (f) (Ceefax) (s) (4809013)	
3.05 Timeless (s) (5015365)	
3.30 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (7194188) <b>3.35 The Morph Files</b> (235452) 3.30 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (s) (1122100) 4.10 Highlander (Ceefax) (s) (3512623) 4.35 The Really Wild Show. (Ceefax) (s) (9379365)	
5.00 Newround (Ceefax) (4817487)	
5.10 The Demon Headmaster. Drama serial based on the books <i>The Demon Headmaster</i> and <i>The Prime Minister's Brain</i> , by Gillian Cross. (Ceefax) (s) (7952787)	
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (748510)	
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (s) (349)	
6.30 Regional News magazine (891)	
7.00 Top of the Pops (4723)	
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (425)	
8.00 <b>9.00 The Vet, The Loss Adjuster.</b> (Ceefax) (s) (3608551)	
8.50 <b>9.00 Animal Hospital.</b> Heroine, Rob Harris researches the world of wounded wildlife in response to the viewing audience's apparently insatiable appetite for such coverage (481807)	
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (3948)	
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## FOOTBALL 40

HEREFORD BULLISH  
ABOUT CHANCES  
OF FA CUP UPSET

Teenager puts South Africa in pole position after Cork leads fruitless fightback

## Adams drives England to despair

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CAPE TOWN

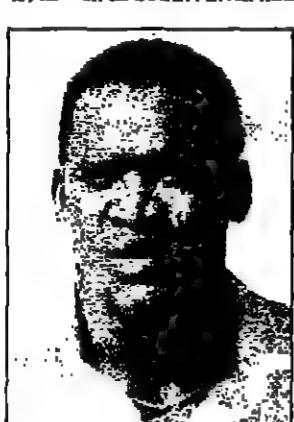
**CAPE TOWN** (second day of five): England, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 74 runs behind South Africa

IN ONE cruel, contrary hour for England's cricketers yesterday evening, the achievements of a demanding day, and probably the work of an entire winter, turned to dust and dismay. For the second time in this series, South Africa's tenth wicket produced disproportionately runs, investing a crippled innings with undue authority. This time, however, the effect on England will surely be terminal.

Against considerable odds and to their immense credit, England's bowlers had nursed and healed the self-inflicted wounds of their batsmen. This decisive final Test was set for something close to parity at its midway point when South Africa's ninth wicket fell on 171, a lead of only 18. It was then that a day of taut, pitiless cricket took a sharp and implausible diversion.

Paul Adams, raised on backyard cricket just a few miles from Newlands in the mean streets of the Cape Flats, came in to bat without a reputation to protect. He had, after all, scored only four first-class runs and faced just 16 balls in his young career. When he was out, 15 overs later, he had added 29 runs to that tally and, with the capable Dave Richardson, driven England to despair.

The tenth wicket was worth 73, one run more than had been there, and just as it had been there, was the highest stand of the innings. England were suddenly confronting a deficit of 91 and, with an awful predictability, the one setback they could not afford duly followed. Michael Atherton fell cheaply to Allan Donald for the second time in the



Malcolm: uninspired

done on Tuesday, but discipline, fortune and eventually even judgment deserved them at last.

Atherton could be blamed for taking a new ball with South Africa on 166 for eight, but it was a legitimate tactic against the tail and it immediately brought one of the two outstanding wickets. He could more validly be blamed for his touching faith in Devon Malcolm, whose new-ball spell of four overs — at least one too many — was so wretchedly poor it persuaded Adams that his batting had nothing to fear at this level.

It will be said in Malcolm's defence, leaving less-equipped colleagues a monumental task even to take this match far into its fourth day.

Atherton believed before a ball was bowled that the game would not last four days and his fears are being borne out. The scores have been misleadingly low, for it is not impossible to bat on this pitch, as Adams and Richardson confirmed with such surprising eloquence, but its variable pace and bounce give the bowlers a heavy advantage. England exploited this yesterday, when the pace was slower, as well as South Africa had

defended him that he came into this game without match practice, but this can bring no real pardon. Fraser, exemplary if used not enough yesterday, has played equally little and needs work more than Malcolm, who has always announced himself as a big-match bowler, the explosive type who does not require endless grooving. His bowling here, where England so needed him to be the hammer among chisels, would have struggled to explode a paperbag.

Malcolm was innocuous from the start, offering Darryl Cullinan fresh impetus with a friendly spell first thing, and, with Dominic Cork struggling to bowl through a grain strain, Atherton quickly had to look elsewhere. A clear blue and intensely hot day was into its second hour when Gary Kirsten's self-delusion lapsed and he pulled arare, undeserving short ball from Mike Watkinson to mid-wicket.

By lunch, Cullinan had reached his fourth half-century of the series and Malcolm had staged an exhibition of bumbling, cartoon-quality fielding at fine leg. Before a second full house, trying gently, things were beginning to drift away from England, which makes their afternoon efforts all the more admirable.

Fraser, who had extracted more life from the pitch than anyone, should have resumed immediately afterwards. Instead, Malcolm had another fruitless skirmish before Fraser and his heir apparent, Peter Martin, bowled beautifully to drag England onto equal terms. They took a wicket each, both caught behind by Russell, with the first of which he broke the record for England wicketkeeping dismissals in a series. It had stood at 24 and was held by his mentor, Alan Knott, who, in the protracted Ashes series of 1970-71, kept in 12 Innings. Russell, remarkably, had needed only six.

South Africa now had two batsmen on nought, but Martin, after six overs for nine runs, needed a rest. Jacques Kallis sumptuously on-drove Cork for four, a stroke of pedigree, but it is impossible to subdue Cork and his answer was a direct hit on the bowler's stumps from cover to run out McMillan at least as he tried to steal a single.

It had been an afternoon of slovenly over-rates and sluggish scoring, yet it had been anything but dull. England had restricted South Africa to 38 runs from 25 overs and taken three prime wickets. When they added three more in the first hour of the evening, Ladbrokes made them joint-favourites to win the game. By the close, the same bookmakers made South Africa 8-1 on.

Kallis fell leg-before to Martin and Pollock was astonishingly caught by Smith, abandoning evasive action at short-leg to change direction and plunge to his left. When Atherton took the new ball, Donald obliged him by giving Cork another wicket and Russell another catch, whereupon the fantasy began to take shape through a Malcolm full-toss, squirmed for his first run by Adams and turned into fire by a wild throw from Cork.

As Malcolm strayed to leg, the lead climbed towards 50. Richardson was reprieved by Hick, apparently failing to sight a sharp chance at gully. By the time he awoke with a spectacular catch at second slip, the damage was done. When Atherton was drawn into a short ball and offered a faint edge, the damage appeared irreparable.

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# Spending spree on the cards as Indian reforms take effect

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

**INDIA** has entered 1996 poised for an unprecedented spending spree by its burgeoning credit card classes, many of whom are clutching new cellular telephones, driving previously unavailable foreign cars or drinking locally-made whisky.

A new India has risen from the ashes of socialism. An economic revolution has radically altered the lifestyles of about 2 per cent of the population — a lot of people in a country of almost one billion — and is touching the lives of almost everyone else.

Credit cards were unheard of until economic reforms began in 1991. Now newspapers carry advertisements from international banks offering cards to the rapidly-expanding middle classes. Car

loans, unknown until a few years ago, are readily available from Indian banks. The culture of debt has arrived, transforming a country whose people were always encouraged to be thrifty. That was easier when the shops were bare.

The rich-poor divide has

never been more stark. The poor live in *jhuggis* (slum huts) on wasteland beside

shops selling the latest Sony

televisions, stereos and computers. Popular shopping centres in Delhi, such as Khan Market, have been transformed into smart air-conditioned stores with well-dressed staff who call

customers sir or madam.

Never has India been more confident of its future. It believes it will eventually be-

come part of the boom that has transformed South-East Asia, as long as there is a sufficient period of political stability. It is buoyed by an analysis in the 1996 *Information Please* almanac, a respected reference book published in the United States, which says India has the world's sixth-largest economy, based on purchasing power.

This is election year and the reform programme is on hold because the Government fears making a political mistake.

The floodgates have been opened wide enough, however, for the economic metamorphosis to continue apace. Middle and high income groups are expanding most rapidly, with salaries in some industries approaching Western levels.

There are plenty of shops selling £2,000 watches and expensive electronic gadgetry. The 16 private domestic airlines (five years ago, Indian Airlines had a virtual monopoly) were fully booked over Christmas and new year.

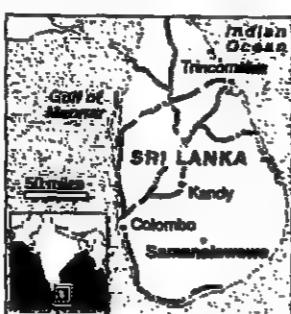
The new-found wealth does have some unfortunate side-effects, however. There have been a spate of murders by servants anxious to run off with their employers' family silver. Police in south Delhi have urged householders to register their servants so they can be traced if necessary.

In much of rural India, where more than 70 per cent of the population lives, there is conspicuously less poverty than five years ago. Four years of good harvests because of good monsoons have helped to create a vast new group with lower-to-middle incomes.

This, in turn, has generated a consumer boom in low-cost items such as toothpaste, soap and detergent. Foreign firms are chambering over each other to reach this market, which numbers tens of millions.

□ Bomb attack: A device exploded in Delhi yesterday, killing at least six people and seriously wounding about 20, police said. The Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front, a little-known separatist group in Srinagar, claimed responsibility for the attack. (Reuters)

## How monsoon power forged a revolution

By NICK NUTTALL  
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH scientist may have solved the riddle of how South-East Asia led the world in steel production for more than 1,000 years, allowing the peoples of the region to make swords and other weapons of superior design.

A furnace that was powered by the monsoon winds has been discovered on hills in south central Sri Lanka. Gill Juleff of University College London, working with archaeologists in Sri Lanka, has reconstructed the furnace, proving that it was able to make high-carbon steel.

She says that the wind-assisted furnace technology discovered in Sri Lanka "sustained a major industry during the first millennium AD". The remains of the furnace were unearthed during archaeological excavations at Samanalawewa.

Until now it had been believed that the South-East Asians must have relied on a bellows-operated furnace to

make high-quality steel. But the new discovery indicates that other, ingenious and possibly superior, designs were developed.

Tests show that as the monsoons, which blow between June and September at mean speeds of more than 27mph, pass over the furnace they create an area of low pressure causing oxygen and air to be pulled inside. Temperatures can average more than 1,450C inside, ideal for high-quality steel.

Ms Juleff says in the journal *Nature* that there is evidence of a network of monsoon-powered furnaces on the hills around the excavation site.

## Kim Jong II 'to be confirmed as leader'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE  
IN PEKING

THE mystery surrounding the succession in North Korea appeared to have been cleared up yesterday when its ambassador in Peking said the accession of heir apparent Kim Jong II, 53, son of the late "Great Leader" Kim Il Sung, was only a formality as he had been in charge of

state, party and army affairs for a long time. As a press conference called to publicise new year editorials in the North Korean media, Chu Chang Jun, the envoy, said people should pay attention to the situation on the second anniversary of Kim's death next July.

"Our people are still in a state of mourning for Great Leader Kim Il Sung," Mr Chu said. "That is why we have not yet held elections for the leadership of the supreme party and state organisation."

Comrade Kim Jong II has carried out the same work as leader of state, party and army for a long time," he added. "So the announcement of the supreme leadership of our state is only a formality and will be made in July after the second anniversary of the death of the Great Leader."

## Britain presses Ramos to honour radar contract

BY ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND ROSS TIEMAN

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, yesterday urged Manila to honour a contract for a new British-made air-traffic control system needed to safeguard air travellers and protect the Philippines from external threats. During a three-day visit to discuss military and technological collaboration, Mr Portillo said implementation of the contract awarded to GEC-Marconi and worth up to £240 million "is the outcome I would like to see". The planned radar system is based on a model newly installed in Britain.

The airways over the Philippines form a crossroads for rapidly increasing air traffic between Hong Kong, Australia and other expanding Asia-Pacific economies. With the number of overflying aircraft increasing by a quarter every year, industry sources say that in four years the skies over the Philippines will be busier than the air routes over the North Atlantic.

At present, the Philippines has only the crudest of radar systems, and overflying aircraft pay air traffic control fees. GEC-Marconi has designed a radar system that would automatically identify overflying planes and bill airlines for air traffic control fees of \$20 million (£13.3 million) a year which cannot be collected at present. It would also enable controllers to direct military aircraft away from civil planes, reducing the risk of accidents.

The order will help to safeguard nearly 2,000 jobs at the GEC radar plant in Chelmsford. But it is also viewed by the company as crucial in the battle to win contracts to modernise other air traffic control systems in the Asia-Pacific region.

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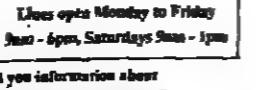
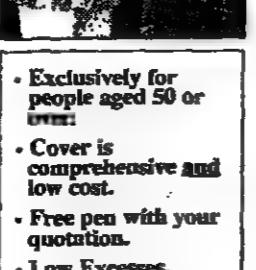
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## What is paranoia?

IN 1764, 231 years before Nicholas Soames appeared on television and used the term paranoid to describe the personality of the Princess of Wales, Voltaire had defined madness in his *Philosophical Dictionary* as the state in which a sufferer "has erroneous perceptions and thereafter reasons correctly from them". Voltaire's description would no longer be accepted as covering all forms of insanity but it was used recently in a textbook to explain the term paranoid.

Paranoia may be a symptom of many different psychiatric diseases, whether neuroses or psychoses, but it is not necessarily a feature of them all.

Dinner party conversations, since Mr Soames's diagnosis was broadcast, have tended to use the description paranoid personality in different ways. Some guests have wrongly thought that it meant "just plain nutty". Others have tended to be more precise and have followed, as Mr Soames may have unwittingly done, the definition of the *International Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder*.

The essential feature of a paranoid personality disorder is said by the manual to be "a pervasive and unwarranted tendency to interpret the actions of people as being deliberately demeaning or threatening". It lists seven examples which typify this behaviour and says that a patient must show at least four of them before personality disorder can be diagnosed.

The manual specifically differentiates between those cases in which the paranoid behaviour is a symptom of a more general disease, and those where a paranoid personality disorder is a complete diagnosis. The condition is, in fact, one of those covered by



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the all-embracing diagnosis of a personality disorder.

People with a paranoid personality are prone to be excessively sensitive to any insult, real or imagined, to any rebuff however unintended. As a result, friendships, although they may readily be made, are often sustained with difficulty. In normal social life the action of others is frequently misunderstood and gestures which were supposed to be friendly are often misinterpreted as showing hostility and a desire to humiliate or, using the terms of the manual's definition, "demeaning or threatening".

Although sufferers from paranoid personality are often self-absorbed and very sensitive to any rebuff from another they are not always equally sensitive to the need to preserve the feelings of those around them. They can sometimes seem unreasonably aggressive. Minor degrees of paranoid behaviour exhibited by those affected mimic in a small way the more severe delusional behaviour found in some forms of psychotic disease, in which delusions of grandeur and excessive self-importance can coexist with a fragile sense of self-esteem.

The manual's seven criteria sought when diagnosing a paranoid personality cover such diverse points as an unreal expectation of being exploited; questioning without foundation the loyalty of others; reading threatening or demeaning intentions into benign remarks or actions; bearing unreasonable grudges and being unforgiving of minor insults (possibly unintended); having a reluctance to confide in others for the fear that information will be used against them; being easily slighted and quick to anger; and having a tendency to question without justification the fidelity of a sexual partner.

### The penalty of all that pudding

**S**THE gues of 15 per cent of the population who suffer from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) may well now be returning to normal after a testing time over Christmas and the new year. The abdominal pain, wind, bloating and either diarrhoea or constipation, in some cases both, may be over for another year.

Dr David Silk, a gastroenterologist who specialises in the treatment of IBS, says that Christmas fare can be particularly trying. Rich food such as Christmas pudding with brandy butter, accompanied by alcohol and coffee, have, Dr Silk says, played havoc with normally carefully controlled diets.

The usual teaching is that the foods which patients with IBS should avoid may include chocolate, coffee, alcohol, cheese and other dairy products. Dr Silk says that evidence on diet is always difficult to evaluate and people often have to find out for themselves what is upsetting their digestion.

Dr Silk's research has shown that three items are particularly liable to cause trouble: onions, alcohol and coffee. Both alcohol and coffee tend to draw fluids into the guts, thereby doing nothing to diminish the need for the patient to make the sudden dash to the lavatory which is a characteristic sign of the disease.

The many different forms of fibre and the effect of a high bran diet, although useful in some cases of constipation, can make other symptoms worse. Dr Silk recommends that the fibre found, for instance, in Fibogel, can help more patients than simple bran.

### The long, dark night of the soul

**T**HREE HARD weather that swept across northern and eastern Britain last week prompted the usual comparisons with Arctic conditions. As pumps cleared the water that had sprung from a burst pipe and flowed through my house to flood the cellar, it was salutary to read a report from Antarctica by Sara Wheeler, the travel writer, to see what the term "Arctic conditions" really meant.

In the Antarctic winter there are seven months of total darkness, with wind speeds of 70 knots and temperatures of -115F. Boiling water froze in the air as it was poured from Ms Wheeler's kettle.

Not unnaturally, many of the visiting Europeans to Antarctica developed psychiatric problems: the phrase "polar madness" was coined by Scott and Shackleton. Since then, psychiatrists have described spontaneous trance states, in which varying levels of consciousness are reduced by isolation and lack of daylight. More usual psychiatric symptoms abound: 72 per cent of the expatriates become depressed, 66 per cent abnormally aggressive and nearly a half have problems with concentration and notice a loss of memory. It is little wonder that Admiral Byrd, who led the first American expeditions to Antarctica, learned to include two coffins and 12 straitjackets in his stores. The Russians, who also had camps in Antarctica, fared no better: they had to ban chess after the loser of one game achieved revenge by driving his ice-pick, with lethal results, into the skull of the victor.



Before and after: Cherie Martin's obsession with food and diets meant she put on weight, left. Then she learnt to eat only when hungry, right



PETER NICHOLLS

## Learning to be hungry

From the age of 12, Cherie Martin dieted, binged, dieted — and put on five stone. Then she realised the secret of staying slim is to give up dieting altogether.

In our brains is a box, and inside is written: Eat something, have some food.

Now this box is filled to overflowing with these words so any stimulus causes the words in the box to spill out into our brains. For example, we may feel sad, but before the sadness is allowed to surface, the box opens and our obsession interferes and we want to eat. We get lonely, and instead of reaching out to another person, food becomes our unsatisfactory friend. Any feeling, whether happy or sad, first passes through the box sitting in our brain, and often gets short-circuited by it.

We diet, we become obsessed with food, and then we are stuck, we are short-circuited. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we hear the message: Eat something, have some food.

Ten years ago I gave up dieting. I was terrified to take the step because I knew no other way of living, but I had just bought a book by Bob Schwartz called *Diet Don't Work*. I discovered that only two out of 100 dieters maintain their weight loss in the long term.

The book explained that we should model our eating patterns on those of normal people who had never had a weight problem in their lives.

Like them we should learn to eat when we are hungry, eat exactly what we feel like: eating, and then stop when we are satisfied.

My first task was to learn

what natural hunger was. I had confused emotional hunger with body hunger. I wanted to eat when I was tired, bored, lonely, angry, anxious or confused.

During the first months, I gained 10lb. That was because when I was hungry, I wanted all the foods that I had never

eating what I wanted, and I was losing weight.

Over the next year I lost 40lb. I was so excited: the magic wand had been looking for had arrived. But then my enthusiasm for eating only when I was hungry began to fade, and my weight began to creep up again. But then the most interesting part of my journey began.

I realised I had many important lessons to learn. The first was that even though I needed to learn to eat like a slim person, there was a difference between them and me. Slim people eat when they are hungry, but they do not, and do not want to, eat when they are not.

I have had sad times, I have happy times, and I make mistakes, but they are never governed by how much I weigh or how pretty I look. These times are governed by how I feel inside. I don't mind what I weigh.

Three years ago I needed legal help to set up my company Weigh Ahead, and negotiate a contract for my book. A friend of mine said she knew a lawyer called Philip.

We got married two years ago.

I used to feel sad about all the years I lost while I was dieting, but now I realise that the lessons I learnt in my journey to overcome my overeating have been invaluable.

Food was never the problem.

My overeating was a symptom of the chaos within myself.

Controlling that chaos made me who I am today: I have a wonderful husband; I love my son; my work is exhilarating and I am experiencing another baby in early June. It was hard, but it was worth it. I know myself now and I like what I have become.

• Dr Cherie Martin's book, *Naturally Slim Without Dieting*, is published today by Doubleday, £6.99.

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Murder by numbers: Geoff Brown reviews the serial-killer thriller *Seven*, and the other new films

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# The woman who refuses to stay stuck in the Sixties

**T**he Look created by Mary Quant is back. Noreen Taylor talks to its prolific and enduring designer, and discovers a woman who is determined to keep moving forward

Sentences are punctuated by old-fashioned exclamations: "golly... crikey... gosh..." The adolescent aura strikes one as odd, coming from this legend, this little woman, one of the people who practically invented the Sixties.

"Hello, I'm Mary," she whispers, dark wistful eyes blinking the way a gauche adolescent's might in the company of adults. "Would you like to, erm, maybe, come and have a look round my shop?"

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Think mini-skirts, white PVC raincoats, skinny-rib polo-neck sweaters muted colours of grape, smoky browns, greys. Go on to yellow-based make-up, smudgy eyes and china-doll haircuts. The Look created by Quant: sulky French convent schoolgirl, all uncompromising puritanical lines, cut with a dash of Lolita erotica.

The Look is currently dancing again across the pages of *Vogue*, enjoying a renaissance on the backs of King's Road babes. As in the Sixties, the Nineties version is totally ruthless, ignoring the over-35s or, indeed, anyone careless enough to need a size 16.

As Quant says: "You can't wear fashionable clothes if you are that size. Yes, I know 47 per cent of women are over size 16, but so what? Tough. Skip lunch. Live on oranges for a day. Do as Frenchwomen do."

She of course, has barely gained a pound. In her cream-coloured Equipment shirt, slim black Japanese trousers, black ankle boots and a man's watch, the overall Look is much the same as it was then.

Then was when she dressed the generation who gyrated to "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah", who shocked the grown-ups, who fled the irrelevant femininity of their mother's set. Quant was in the eye of the hurricane, one of the icons whose face personified all the mad excitement of a decade, as globally familiar as the four mop-tops, E-type Jags and the King's Road. And yet she doesn't come across as someone who once dominated a generation.

Modest, straightforward, she potters about the white-walled shop hiding behind her fringe, chattering about sweater shapes and pointing out the 80 lipstick colours with all the keenness of a design college graduate on her first job. Tucked behind the Fulham Road in west London, the shop is on the ground floor of the building housing the headquarters of Mary Quant Ltd.

Along with fashion, and the cosmetics design business which was launched in 1966, the Quant empire makes

voice trails away for a moment... "Well, I'm sure you can imagine how it is, that kind of loss."

"I would look at the sun coming up in the morning over a field near my house and think... yes, I have another new day, and I'm going to get through this one. And then I'll face another day, and so on like that, until I finally convinced myself that Alexander would have wanted me to appreciate everything and not waste a moment. Thankfully, I have my lovely house in the country, if I'd had to move from that, I couldn't have taken it. That would have wrecked me."

The Surrey house, set amid acres of rolling fields and surprisingly rural in spite of being so close to London, was built by a great-aunt of Alexander's in 1928 as a rather grand country retreat, mostly for picnics and weekends.

Alexander used to say that Mary was the first to design for the masses, for the working girl. Yet since meeting Alexander at art college during her teens, the schoolteacher's daughter, born and brought up in Wales, has known only an upper-class Bohemianism. Long-haired Alexander used to dress in his mother's silk pyjamas when she first met him.

"Yes, I suppose crossing classes seemed less of a thing then because of postwar change, when we were inventing the rules to suit ourselves. For instance, I don't suppose Alexander would have gone to art school had it been some other period. It wasn't smart then to come from a grand family, and people re-

arranged their accents accordingly. But I think the British upper classes have always been adept at taking what they like from other social strata. John Fowler and Noël Coward might be good examples.

"After the war there was nothing for young people. No music, clothes, places to meet, a wasteland. So there were no obstacles in the way of people like us, Terence Conran, David Bailey, Donovan. We simply shot through. I designed for women who had become economically independent and bought their own clothes."

"Before me, mothers had gone with daughters to choose and pay for clothes. So girls looked like their mothers: fussy, over-dressed and made up in hard, heavy colours and textures. There were three shades of eye-shadow: green, bright blue, and lilac. Lipstick was either a bluish red, dark red, or coral. All of it ghastly."

"When I started making clothes, I only had theatrical and art school chums as customers. I was designing for myself and my friends. In 1955 Alexander inherited £5,000 on his 21st birthday and with Archie's help, he got a mortgage on a house at the corner of Markham Square and the King's Road. We called it

Bazaar and from the first Saturday it was filled with painters, actors, journalists, poets, like one of our parties. That's just how it ran, like a never-ending party, bottles of wine everywhere, music, people prancing around. So when the big boys, the manufacturers from America came to Bazaar, I felt quite... oh no, this isn't for you, it's for my pals."

"I've never been ambitious in that sense. For me it's always been an adventure as in 'Let's do this and see how it works'; or 'What if we tried...?' I wanted skinny clothes to follow the shape of young bodies. I simply did what excited me. I wasn't trying to please or impress the rest of the world."

"But of course that's exactly what she did. And then came the Seventies and the Eighties, different worlds reacting against what had gone before."

Quant simply was not a kafan sort of person, nor was she a glitzy, shoulder-padded woman either. So in the Seventies and Eighties she concentrated on her new interests: hearth, home, garden and kitchen.

"I'd become quite broody by then. I'd had Orlando. My interests had changed. Unlike the Sixties, where a house was a place where you dumped clothes, or where you went when there was nothing better to do, the home now became a new focus and I found myself being asked to design, oh, everything from duvet covers to washing machines."

"So that was jolly nice, and kept me very busy. The three of us seemed to be constantly airborne between New York, London and Japan. I couldn't bear to be separated from Orlando, you see, so he travelled with us until he was seven when the school got

rather cross. We tended to spend more time in our house in France and I cooked, gardened, still kept up the work momentum, except I was less involved with clothes."

"Now it's back to clothes again. Back to the delicate skinny sweaters, to tiny, doll-like skirts and furry-belted coats."

"Well, not quite. If I pulled out some of those old Sixties clothes, you'd soon see a difference. Materials like Lycra have so improved the look of clothes. And things are never put together in quite the same way. Anyway I'd be bored doing the same old thing all over again. Fashion is about change, rather like life."

"Orlando, her only child, is now so obviously the joy of her life. When she talks of him she becomes quite giggly, bubbling over with enthusiasm, describing his love of style, and how he dresses like his father, a tribute to the traditional English tailor, but always with some idiosyncratic touch."

"He's selling space on a marketing magazine. And he's so good at it. I'm not sure what he'll want to do eventually. Be lovely if he did want to join me here, although I feel he should have a look round other worlds first before making that decision."

"Orlando's future is yet to unfold. Yet his mother has closed no gates. 'My passion is to move forward, constantly discovering, renewing, discarding the old. I'm not a particularly reflective person. I mean I don't wallow in nostalgia thinking, 'Oh wasn't it wonderful back then'. For me the wonder is still ahead, still in the future. I know that's how Alexander would have wanted me to think too. I embrace life for him."



In 1964 with her husband and business mentor, Alexander Plunket Greene, who died six years ago

Hilary Kingsley meets the star of *Murder One*

## How the OJ trial inspired a TV cult

WHEN THE jurors in the O.J. Simpson trial were sequestered, unable to go home at nights and do what other people do — watch television — a member of Judge Ito's staff struck out against this cruel sentence.

She contacted America's foremost television producer, Steven Bochco (of *LA Law* and *Hill Street Blues* fame), and begged a box of videotapes of his award-winning police drama *NYPD Blue*.

The favour was called in a few months later by Barbara Bosson, Bochco's actress wife, who asked to be allowed to sit in court during the murder trial. Like millions of others around the world, Bosson was fascinated by the unfolding drama. She also studied the tics and tricks of lawyers and watched, in particular, the body language of the chief prosecution attorney, Marcia Clark.

The result is another television drama for her husband. *Murder One* has become cult viewing among America's middle classes and has been praised by critics. The first of its 23 hour-long instalments begins on Sky Movies this Sunday at 9pm, with another run on BBC2 in March.

*Murder One* is not a copy of the *O.J.* case. There is no "race card", and the trial — of a man charged with the sex murder of a 15-year-old girl — is from the viewpoint of the defence attorney, Ted Hoffman, played by Daniel Benzali.

THE SERIES is guilty, though, of cashing in on the extraordinary public appetite the *O.J.* case exposed for a diet of Machiavellian manoeuvring by lawyers and private and professional mini-dramas outside the court. And, as the series is still being shot, the outcome is still a secret.

Bosson, who starred in *Hill Street Blues* as the police chief's wife, says her husband decided in the mid-1980s that he wanted to make a series with one case per season as opposed to per episode.

"But none of the networks took him seriously. Then the *O.J.* case showed everybody that there is a fascination in the complexities of the law," she says.

In the series, Bosson plays Hoffman's main adversary, the prosecution attorney Miriam Grasso.

"Grasso doesn't look dangerous, but she is," Bosson says. "She's ethical in everything she does, but she's the Queen of the Misdirect. She makes Hoffman's team look in one place while she's doing something else."

"On the surface Grasso's not like Marcia. I wasn't going to wear that short-skirt uniform that I saw all the women on the *O.J.* case wear. I was annoyed by all the attention paid to Marcia's hairstyles and clothes, and the fact that she was a woman alone."

"But what I took from Marcia was her style of always seeming to be completely assured. I'm not the least like that. Carrying her tangled problems in my head and learning these long speeches full of legal jargon is killing me."

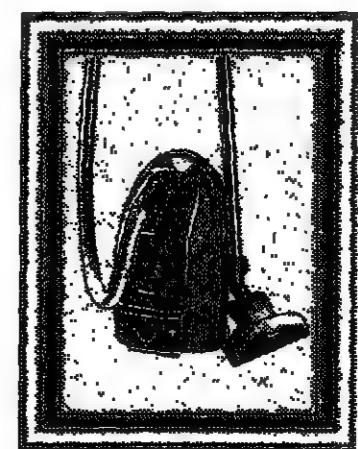
Married to workaholic Bochco for 26 years, Bosson is hoping to return in the late spring to her main job of writing film screenplays. But she knows that, given the huge success of *Murder One*, and her closer-than-usual relationship with the producer, this seems unlikely.

"The signs are that we'll go for a second season and Steven has said that if we do I'll be in it."

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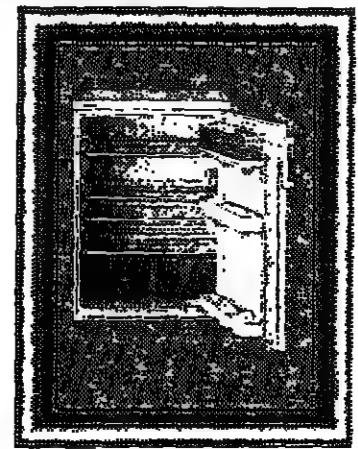
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# The common ground is high ground

**George Gardiner** says Tories are about principle, not compromise

This Conservative Government is in grave danger of being saddled with a colossal myth. Like most political myths it has little basis in fact, yet if repeated often enough — as it is again in the common following Emma Nicholson's defection — it could become fixed in the folklore of public opinion, with damaging effects for the whole party.

The myth is that the Tories are deserting the middle ground. The cry was first raised by Tony Blair last summer, with an obvious motive. It was offered by Alan Howarth as justification for his desertion. Now it is repeated by Emma, who adds for good measure that the Tory party "is no longer the One Nation Conservative Party of Harold Macmillan".

This is echoed by that small stage army of old Tory wits, not to mention sundry commentators. As surely as night follows day, an unidentified "senior MP on the left of the party" is quoted warning that other defections will follow unless John Major moves to "reoccupy" the middle ground.

The Tory Left's attempt to appropriate the "One Nation" ideal as exclusively their own is the most colossal political cheek. The name comes from an influential booklet published in 1950 by a distinguished group of younger Tory MPs, including Iain Macleod and Edward Heath — but also right-wingers such as Angus Maude and Enoch Powell.

It offered cogent analysis of the policies that Tories should pursue to bind the nation together, and any idea that it provides the inspiration for the present programme of the Tory Left is ludicrous. The "One Nation" ideal is one shared by most of us.

The charge that the Government is lurching to the right is ludicrous too. I am generally credited with being on the Right of the party — some would call me an unreconstructed Thatcherite — and I do not recognise anything like this happening. Indeed, I would go further: I am convinced that the charge is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the political process and of what the "middle ground" means.

Amid all the spluttering about our supposed desertion of this hallowed territory, we would do well to remember a very wise distinction which the late Sir Keith Joseph drew in a landmark speech to the Oxford Union almost exactly 20 years ago. His distinction was between the *middle ground* in politics and the *common ground*. "The middle ground", he argued, "is a compromise between the politicians, unrelated to the aspirations of the people. The common ground is with the people and their aspirations."

Sir Keith was speaking in the days when the *middle ground* was socialist. Few then disputed that the whole areas of industry and the utilities should be state-owned and

Emma means that she wants a federal Europe

**T**he ground we should seek to occupy is the common ground, which is very different. Certainly it means improving our schools and sustaining the health service, but it also means cutting back spending elsewhere, significantly reducing taxes, a hard-line policy on law-breakers, slamming the door on bogus asylum-seekers and — above all — refusing to be sucked into a federal Europe.

Emma comes closer to the truth in alleging "prevarication" over Europe. What she means is that she wants us to sign up to a single currency, the natural foundation for a federal Europe.

We do indeed need a clearer lead here — but never in her direction. If John Major reacts to her defection at all, it must be to say what the majority of the British people want to hear him say: that he cannot conceive of a Tory Government surrendering our political sovereignty in this way.

When the clear blue water does divide us, the commonly held ground will be found on our side of the channel. Sir George is Conservative MP for Reigate.

## Bat and boule

BOXGROVE MAN might have put on more runs than Mike Atherton's batsmen yesterday. There are suspicions that, despite his immense age (500,000 years), he might have been a cricketer.

The human origins department at the Natural History Museum is investigating what may be prehistoric cricket balls discovered at the site in West Sussex where the bones of the ancient Briton were previously found.

Mark Roberts, the Boxgrove project director from the Institute of Archaeology, is baffled: "We have discovered a number of chalk balls on the site, some of which are inscribed with chalk lines. They are about the size of cricket balls and they are completely enigmatic," he says. "They could possibly have been for some sort of recreational use, but until we have examined and cleaned them we really don't know."

The bat and ball theory bears consideration. According to David Firth of *Wisden's Cricket Monthly*, one of the first recorded games took place in 1662, when six parishioners in Boxgrove were prosecuted for playing cricket on consecrated ground. But Roberts still isn't convinced: "As they are all grouped together, perhaps they were some ancient form of

boules, such as the French play." As investigations continue, the shinbone and teeth of Boxgrove Man go on public display for the first time today at the Natural History Museum.

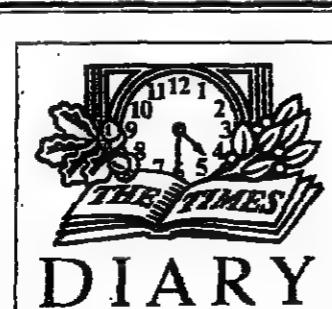
### Full rig

TOMORROW the new Governor of the Falklands, Richard Ralph, will proudly take home his ceremonial regalia (complete with cocked hat topped by 15in of swan's plumage) from the Savile Row store of Alan Bennett, official uniform



### Top tipple

THE DUKE of Buccleuch, one of Scotland's richest men and the largest private landowner in Europe, has been tippling away this Christmas. He is in market a 12-year-old malt whisky, Douglas of Drumlanrig, in an attempt to lure visitors to his ancestral home, Drumlanrig Castle. "I can't claim to be a very good judge of whisky, but I just knew



### Booted

THE Labour-controlled council in Camden provided Virginia Bottomley with an early Christmas present: her car was clamped as she popped in to see her aunt, Peggy Jay. It was parked outside Mrs Jay's Hampstead flat, and there was a pre-paid Camden council scratchcard parking permit on the dashboard.

The usually meticulous Heritage Minister hadn't scratched the card, as required, to indicate when she parked, and consequently had to fork out £5 to free her vehicle. However, she brushes off the incident: "It was all really just a bit of bad luck. But it was a very happy family tea party."

"If the Conservative Party can't use people like me in one way or another, even stuffing envelopes," said the defecting MP Emma Nicholson the other day, "then it really has changed." Yesterday hundreds of envelopes pinched from the House of Commons stationery cupboard were



### Ella's view

A LITTLE GIRL beloved of Lewis Carroll, but who wasn't called Alice, has emerged posthumously as a literary figure in her own right. Ella Bickersteth — shown here playing soldiers in Carroll's college room in Christ Church, Oxford, in 1865 — kept diaries which have now been edited by her grandson, Bishop John Bickersteth.

No fewer than a hundred members of the Bickersteth family turned out for the launch in Canterbury: the book's foreword is by Lord Coggan, and sales are already buoyant. "There have been Bickersteths in Canterbury for more than 60 years," says the former Bishop of Bath and Wells — and apparently the headmaster of the King's School, Canterbury, has the book put on the school syllabus.

### Cushy number

THE LATEST fashion accessory must be the cushion. The ageing rock singer Madonna, who is in London rehearsing her lead role in *Evita*, has been spotted running around the capital in evening gear clutching one tightly to her breast. No explanation was given. Was it a present? Is she suffering from a back complaint, or from some other ghastly condition which makes sitting down uncomfortable? Fashion queens are on tenterhooks for the answer.

P.H.S



## Alan Coren



■ Here's a real fairy-tale: the Princess and the plum

What a good boy am I! I sit here in this great newspaper's corner, but do I selfishly polish off this excellent Christmas pie I have just discovered under the pile of empties surrounding my desk? I do not. Having put in my thumb and pulled out the most enormous plum, I immediately trifurcate it and offer it to three pitiful unfortunates who have probably had the rottenest Christmas any of them can remember. And when you hear that these three are the Commons, the Lords and the Church, you must surely conclude that I am an even better boy than you thought. For when did a member of the Fourth Estate ever do as much for any one of the other three, let alone all of them simultaneously?

Here is the first slice, on its way to that beleaguered spot where the Prime Minister sits, among the dropping needles, with his head in his hands. He does not know what to do about that woman. No, nor that woman. Nor even, for once, That Woman. This that woman that he does not know what to do about is the Princess of Wales. For he has just promised her a role in public life. He doesn't know why, it just slipped out, the way things do, and now he doesn't know what either. He dare not give her the job she wants, she would be a roving cannon, he dare not give her a job she doesn't want, she would be on *Panorama* every five minutes fetchingly arguing that all her failings were really his.

That is also why the second slice of plum goes to her noble peers, whose own futures have been put in doubt by the doubtfulness of hers: one more aristocratic foot soldier and the entire wobbly structure could collapse into republican debacle, they would be at one with Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Earl Bostic and Lord Sutch, but with none of the talent, never mind the loss of £20 a day plus all found, just for having a kip.

And the Church? Here, the plum will shift its focus but begin, I suspect, to sharpen yours; for what is currently further ramshacking this third run-down estate is the dread of next Saturday. Because next Saturday, some sad jerk is going to win £40 million. He will not be a sad jerk when he wins it, of course, he will be a very happy jerk, he will not become sad jerk until two days later, when the money begins, as, according to the lamentations of our bishops, it must, to wreck his life.

For once, the bishops are not wrong. We have seen it happen. We know that our new millionaires do not know what a million is, or what to do with it. They buy a suburban bungalow, a new *Mondeo*, a fortnight in Magaluf, and because that is all they have ever wanted, they do not know what to want after that. They have not been trained to spend. So they give the huge remainder to a Cambridge adviser, who sticks it in giffs and pension funds, and the millionaires, bored and wanting, go back to delivering letters and plastering walls.

So do you see what, if we now reassemble the three segments, this plum is, apart of course from a laboured metaphor, and, imminently, an even more laboured pun? It is a plum job. It is a plum job for Diana, and one, moreover, for which she is uniquely qualified. She is the most experienced spender we have. Who better to train jerks to be millionaires, to tell them which Belgravian house to buy, which Ferrari, which Cessna, which private Bahamian atoll to lease for the summer, which chic Alp for the winter, which wardrobe to commission from Lagerfeld, which bespoke trinkets from Van Cleef & Arpels to set it off a treat, which restaurant to gorge in, which hydro to shed in, and which ass gives the best milk?

Lift your head, John! Give her this: under-secretary to Mrs Bottomley, two big blondes in radiant harness, spreading joy. The lottery is your greatest legislative triumph, lacking, so far, only the feelgood factor with which only Diana can endow it: she will not let the jerks wreck their poor lives, she will empower them to enrich their rich ones. She will make them feel good, and the country, too, placating the bishops, reassuring the lords, and jollying up your Government's prospects no end by squelching Labour's nerdy bid for lots of little, sensible prizes.

Every Camelot needs the right princess. This one was made for ours.



## THE HOLLAND REPORT

A timely reminder of falling standards at school

The history of postwar education is marked out in speeches and papers expressing worry, doubt and fear of failing standards. Many of them have been mocked on publication but almost all have been of benefit in time. The debate on education is in constant need of urgency. Political parties by themselves have now become so bogged down in arguments about the structures of school management that they seem barely to have noticed the inexorable relative slippage in school standards. Yesterday's speech by Sir Geoffrey Holland, a former Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, was a cold and timely reminder of how badly Britain performs compared with its competitors overseas.

Sir Geoffrey set out in bald statistics the failure of this country's education and training systems, recently dismissed as "inadequate" by the World Economic Forum. Britain lost four places last year in the global competitiveness table; meanwhile its workforce is becoming ever less skilled (in relative terms) and its education ranks only 35th in the world, far lower than its funding deserves. Britain has many fewer 16 and 17-year-olds in education than France and Germany. The proportion of 16-year-olds passing GCSEs in mathematics, the national language and one science is just 27 per cent here, compared with 62 per cent in Germany and 66 per cent in France.

At a level, the figures are just as bad. But the real problems start much earlier. Given a simple addition and subtraction, only 4 per cent of the bottom 40 per cent of British 13-year-olds could answer correctly. Given a far more complicated sum, 76 per cent of the equivalent Germans could do so. As Sir Geoffrey says, our 13-year-olds generally lag two years behind their continental equivalents and never catch up.

Given that the raw material cannot be much different, this is a terrible indictment of the standards of teaching and learning in British schools. But perhaps the results are not so surprising when it is remembered that 30 per cent of the lessons that Ofsted

inspectors observe in schools are deemed unsatisfactory.

Sir Geoffrey is well aware of the political constraints that limit further expenditure on education. So his prescriptions attempt to raise standards in a way that produces a bigger return on the money that is already spent. An assault on poor teachers would certainly reduce what Sir Geoffrey calls "waste" — lessons that do nothing to further a child's education. But recruiting new ones and paying them more, as he also suggests, is not costless. Some money can be raised by requiring further and higher education students to pay their way through college with a graduate tax; but that cash seems to have been hallmark by him for universal nursery education and smaller primary school classes.

His suggestion that pupils should take examinations when they are ready to do so instead of at a predetermined age would introduce a welcome element into schools of the flexibility that has already produced results in the vocational field. But there is no need, as he proposes, to "wave goodbye" to A levels. They could and should remain as a rigorous alternative to vocational qualifications, even within the unified qualification system that he wants to see.

Most important, however, is a change of philosophy in schools. And this is most likely to be achieved with the appointment of tough and determined head teachers. Countless examples already exist of poorly performing schools being turned round by a new head, with no extra money but with an ethos that embraces rigour, discipline, enthusiasm and high expectations.

So Sir Geoffrey is right to identify problems of leadership in schools. And he is right too to concentrate our minds on outcomes as well as processes and structures. Britain's education system is producing unacceptably poorly-qualified people. This is a problem not just for parents or children. It is a problem for the whole country — its society, its economy and its position in the world.

## RING IN THE NEW

British Telecom's new man and his battles ahead

A new year, a new chief executive and a new battle with the regulator: British Telecom's new chief executive, Sir Peter Bonfield, started his job this week by promising that 1996 presaged a "roller-coaster ride" for the company, on both the regulatory and competition fronts. If Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, is not already sharpening his sabre, he should pull out the whetstone now.

Sir Peter arrives fresh from ICL, Britain's biggest computer company. Used to private-sector competition, rather than near-monopoly regulation, he may well have decided that the best way to stop a watchdog biting one's ankles is to growl at it. But, having spent much of his career in America, he will also understand the experience of utility oversight there. By US standards, BT is hardly the cowering victim of overzealous regulation that it sometimes pretends to be.

Mr Cruickshank is a devoted champion of the consumer. But he is not a devoted regulator. He would prefer competition to do for the consumer the job that he is forced to do through such techniques as price-capping. Twelve years after privatisation, however, BT still retains 90 per cent of the telecoms market and dominates every area in which it operates. Oftel has to prevent BT exploiting this near-monopoly position at the expense of the user.

Instead of the present filigree of rules and regulations, Oftel would prefer simply to have the power to seek out anti-competitive behaviour and put an end to it. It has proposed such a change in BT's operating

licence, but the company has rejected the idea, along with a suggested new pricing structure. If the two bodies remain at loggerheads, the issue will be resolved by Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Cruickshank has good reason to be suspicious of BT. The last issue on which they clashed was so-called "number portability" — which would allow customers who switched from one telephone company to another to keep their old number. Although the technology for this has been available since 1992, BT has been reluctant to put it into practice, thereby keeping a large deterrent in the way of people opting for another provider. Eventually, the disagreement was taken to the MMC, which ruled in Oftel's favour.

The consumer should rejoice at Oftel's power. Since privatisation, BT's customers have paid 40 per cent less in call charges, while the company's efficiency has risen by 40 per cent. They need not weep for the company. Thanks to its digital exchanges, it can now offer all sorts of profitable new services, such as "call waiting". And the convergence of telecoms, computers and home entertainment will open up myriad avenues of business in the future.

If BT wants less interference from Mr Cruickshank, it will have to accept more competitive pressure from its rivals. Its status as "national champion" is not under threat. Companies that are cosseted at home do badly abroad. Only innovative, competitive and efficient operators can hope to do well in the international race.

## THE EURO-GOAT

The noble sign of Capricorn rules over everyone born between December 21 and January 20. But because of its influence over New Year's Day, there have been an unusual number of institutions created under its sway.

Britain's relationship with the European Union began under Capricorn on New Year's Day, 1973; the European single market was formally inaugurated on January 1, 1993. But these dates will be remembered as little more than pre-history, if the single European currency, which was christened "euro" as Capricorn was rising last month over Madrid, survives its eighth year gestation and is delivered on schedule under Capricorn on January 1, 1999.

Astrology tells us that Capricorns, in spite of their goatish ruler, are marked by nobility and patience, rather than by aggressiveness, levity or concupiscence. Among their virtues are a powerful sense of duty and responsibility for others, as well as the willingness to take a long-term view. Their vices are pessimism, depression and undue conservatism. In the early years of the EEC, the Capricornian virtues were far more in evidence than the vices. But as Europe prepares for the birth of the monetary changeling of Maastricht, the Capricornian gloom is settling across the continent like a pall. The effort to turn the whole continent into the economic simulacrum of Germany — one moderately successful, but by no

means faultless country — has instilled pessimism and depression into the peoples of all Europe. Europe's leaders have attempted to justify their relentless and unpopular federalist quest with a typically Capricornian response.

They have demanded sacrifice and patience, attempting to evoke a sense of historic duty and to convince the disgruntled of their responsibility to generations yet unborn. When all else has failed, as it did in France just before Christmas, they have fallen back on fearful conservatism. Political elites who have dedicated themselves for decades to smothering Germany in a united Europe can now imagine no other course.

But despite all the politicians' efforts, the European people have remained negative and morose. They find no inspiration in the euro, foreseeing in its birth in 1999 only the start of a long and oppressive age of Capricornian timidity and gloom.

It needs neither an expert astrologer nor an expert economist to see why. The birth of the euro, whether it occurs under Capricorn or any other of the 12 star-signs, will indeed be a day of deep ill-omen for the whole of Europe. Perhaps the leaders of the member states of the EU should take note — before it is far too late — of the principal astrological prediction for Capricorns for 1996: "This is a year to avoid monetary commitments and seek the possibility of more spiritual expression."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Accounting for failures in manufacturing industry

From Eur Ing Professor Alexander Kenneway

Sir, Tim Congdon, in his article of December 29, "Where have all Britain's middle-aged men gone?", wonders why we are no better off after the Tory transformation of manufacturing industry. He should look elsewhere than to labour productivity and costs for his answers, especially in the field of mechanical engineering.

For example, according to a recently published report, few British suppliers to the automotive industries devote much time and resource to research and development or to design, whereas in Japan even the small firms in that sector spend between 5 and 10 per cent of their turnover on R & D.

Secondly, the practice of driving down costs of suppliers is double-edged, since many companies can no longer afford to invest in better products and processes. We are in danger of returning to the blinkered view that the main aim of work is reducing labour costs: the reduction of human beings to automata serving machines, which failed in the 1930s, will fail again to promote a thriving economy.

Thirdly, modern production systems require fewer manually skilled craftsmen of the old school. The operation of these systems requires people with the ability to manage a largely computer-controlled process within a fast-moving commercial environment. Initiative, intelligence, imagination, flexibility and the ability to learn

new skills and cultures are the qualities called for, and these require re-training in addition to education and training.

Finally, I would remind Mr Congdon that the shift of such work to the countries of the Pacific Rim threatens the traditional employment of many people in advanced industrial countries.

Yours faithfully,  
A. KENNaway,  
12 Fairholme Crescent,  
Ashtead, Surrey.  
December 29.

From Mrs Sandra R. Painz

Sir, Tim Congdon presents a very narrow view, based on highly debatable assumptions. My own belief is that the cause of the Government's failure to keep a vital and highly productive group of people (ie, men in late middle age) fully employed arises from the Conservatives' policies of privatisation, deregulation, trade union reform and reduced government intervention in industry.

Yours faithfully,  
SANDRA PAINZ,  
11 Hydefield Close,  
Winchmore Hill, N21.  
December 29.

From Mr John Knox

Sir, According to Philip Bassett ("What Britain pays for unemployment", Business, December 29) the

total cost of our unemployment per person is "a notch under £8,000" every year.

Many of those included in these figures have been made redundant because of subsidised imports. Italy, for instance, runs a trading surplus in textiles which mirrors our own deficit in that trade.

How many shirts at a subsidised saving of, say, £1.50 each does the nation have to buy annually to compensate for full-time textile redundancies costing almost £8,000 a year per victim?

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN KNOX,  
Hareville House, Kettlestone Bottom,  
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.  
January 2.

From Mr J. W. Williams

Sir, Surely the achievement of higher productivity in manufacturing can be closely related to the "loss" of so many skilled and dedicated workers aged between 35 and 65. For Tim Congdon to postulate that "perverse work incentives created by some of Britain's social security and tax arrangements" are at the root of the Government's economic problems is a bit hard to swallow.

Yours sincerely,  
J. W. WILLIAMS,  
2 Chervall Cottage,  
The Green, Freeland, Oxfordshire.  
December 29.

From Mr Michael Stephen

Sir, I should like to support the thrust if not the complete detail of Alf Morris's letter (December 27) calling on the Government to give financial help to haemophiliacs infected with hepatitis C by contaminated NHS blood products. He draws a comparison between hepatitis C and HIV, but there is a significant difference between them which could give the Government the chance to combine compassion with prudence.

For all of those with HIV the prognosis was poor. That is not the case with hepatitis C. Only a minority of those infected will develop cirrhosis of the liver, which will provoke an early and painful death. If they were to be treated on a par with those haemophiliacs infected with HIV the cost would be some £35 to 40 million per year over several years.

The only argument I have heard against such a proposal is that it would create a precedent. That is the language of the administrator and not the politician.

As Alf Morris pointed out, more than 50 haemophiliacs have died of hepatitis C. They and their relatives received nothing. In one family, two haemophiliacs died of Aids-related diseases whilst one died of hepatitis C. The former received an ex-gratia payment; the latter did not. How can we justify treating these three brothers differently? Is one life worth more than another? I think not.

William Waldegrave, as Health Secretary, assisted in securing help for haemophiliacs infected with HIV. Let him, as Chief Secretary, be equally benign towards those other victims.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN L. MARSHALL,  
House of Commons.  
December 27.

During a series of discussions with potential sponsors for my next global

yacht race, my people at Clipper 96 have too often had to explain that HMG representatives are indeed willing to offer all reasonable help for local trade promotions in any of the 15 stopover ports. If more were known of the enthusiasm and expertise of our commercial envoys perhaps fewer firms would be nervous of looking beyond the EU for new markets.

The FCO and DTI must be encouraged to sing their own praises and draw out the "noises off" who would like to cut back on these services.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON  
(Chairman, Clipper 96),  
Cowley House,  
Little College Street, SW1.  
January 1.

From Prebendary Rodney Schofield

Sir, Anglican bishops may condemn big lottery wins as "grotesque" and "obscene", and bemoan the ill-effects of a scratchcard culture (report, January 1), but I fear their words will carry little weight until they also renounce taking advantage of the heritage funds that are generated.

This will be a hard and bitter financial pill to swallow, costing the Church millions of pounds. But that, I believe, is the price of moral integrity — or so I was taught in my Methodist upbringing, for which I remain profoundly grateful.

Yours faithfully,  
RODNEY SCHOFIELD,  
The Rectory, West Monkton,  
Taunton, Somerset.  
January 1.

From Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

Sir, On a recent Saturday afternoon, during a game of hockey, my partner sustained a deep cut on the chin, requiring stitches. At a nearby hospital emergency department he was seen by a nurse within half an hour for an initial assessment, thus paying lip service to the requirements of the Citizen's Charter.

After a further hour-and-a-half wait a nurse spent ten minutes administering stitches and a tetanus jab. The doctor spent the whole of that time hunched over a computer terminal, apparently trying to find the word "stitches" in the multitude of menus so that it could be selected and added to the medical record.

If doctors are having to spend so much time playing secretary it is small wonder that there is a shortage of them and that waiting lists for operations (which unfortunately cannot be done by even the most competent of secretaries) are so long.

Yours,  
HELEN FRANCE,  
42 Bristow Road,  
Bexleyheath, Kent.  
January 2.

From Dr E. J. Mishan

Sir, It may be true, as Mr Vernon Ellis asserts (letter, December 16), that most European businessmen prefer a single European currency. But contrary to his belief, the single currency would not produce a stable economic environment.

So long as exchange rates remain variable any incipient deficit, say, in

Britain's balance of payments tends to correct itself through a decline in sterling relative to other currencies, and vice versa.

If, on the other hand, sterling is fixed, or if we adopt a single European currency, any persisting balance-of-payments deficit acts to reduce employment and income in Britain, so destabilising the economy.

In sum, if the tendency to balance-of-payments equilibrium through variations in the exchange rate is impeded, equilibrium can be restored only by variations in income and employment.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. McCOURT,  
Prospect House,  
Inglebatch, Bath, Avon.

January 2.

### Charity giving as lottery incentive

From Mr Paul Buttell

Sir, I was astonished to read Lord Astor's assurance (letter, December 26; see also letter, December 21) that "as a result of concern expressed on all sides in both Houses on the effect of the proposed lottery on charitable giving the Government agreed that the lottery should not be allowed to market itself as a way of making a charitable donation".

He must surely have noticed, to paraphrase his own words, that the clear divide between buying a lottery ticket and giving to charity has already become muddled.

In November a full-page advertisement appeared in several newspapers in a wheelchair. In bold letters above the picture were the words: "Judy now has power steering and a top speed of 70 mph." In smaller lettering beneath, it continued: "£30,000 has been given by the National Lottery Charities Board to buy a 16-seat minibus for the Stafford Swallows Sports Club for the Disabled."

The advertisement went on to say that "... whenever you play The National Lottery, you'll be helping someone else to further themselves", and concluded with the cheery crossed-fingers symbol and the words "The National Lottery Charities Board is independent of Camelot Group plc and the Government".

I complained to the Advertising Standards Authority that this advertisement might appear to have been placed by the National Lottery Charities Board. They did not agree. They said that the use of Camelot's logo in the advert, by which I think they mean the crossed-fingers symbol, would leave readers in no doubt that Camelot were the advertisers.

I then complained to Ofcom that the advertisement seemed designed to persuade readers to spend money on lottery tickets, of which only a fraction goes to charity, instead of giving it straight to charity. Ofcom did not agree. They doubted that the injured criminal be entitled to make a civil claim without leave of the court.

Burglary

is a dreadful crime, which can ruin the lives of its victims. Burglars must understand that they will no longer be accorded the resigned toleration which they have enjoyed for the past thirty years.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL STEPHEN,  
House of Commons.  
January 3.

From Sir Michael Stephen

Sir, Anglican bishops may condemn big lottery wins as "grotesque" and "obscene", and bemoan the ill-effects of a scratchcard culture (report, January 1), but I fear their words will carry little weight until they also renounce taking advantage of the heritage funds that are generated.

## SOCIAL NEWS

### Birthdays today

Professor Victoria Bruce, psychologist, 43; Miss Grace Bumby, opera and concert singer, 59; Mr Alexander Chancellor, journalist, 56; Miss Rosalie Crutchley, actress, 74; Mr Ian Cuthbertson, actor, 66; Mr Alan Dyer, former Chief Constable, Bedfordshire, 62; Mr Guy Forget, tennis player, 31; Mr Abe Hamilton, fashion designer, 34; Professor K.J. Hancock, economist, 61; Sir Havelock Hudson, former chairman, Lloyd's, 77; Lieutenant Commander Sir Ian Clark Hutchinson, 93; Professor B. Josephson, physicist, 56; Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle, 53; Professor L.E. Lanyon, Principal, Royal Veterinary College, 52; The Hon Diana Makgill, civil servant, 66; Miss Margaret Marshall, opera and concert singer, 47; Mr Floyd Patterson, boxer, 61; Mr Nicholas Payne, director, Royal Opera, Covent Garden, 51; the Earl of Ranfurly, 67; Mr T.J. Riv, publisher, 62; the Rev Edward Rogers, former Moderator of the Free Church Federation, 87; Sir Alan Thomas, civil servant, 53; Sir Colin Turner, former MP, 74; Mrs Audrey Wise, MP, 61.

### Anniversaries

**BIRTHS:** James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh, 1625-56, chronologist, Dublin, 1581; Giovanni Pergolesi, composer, Jesi, Italy, 1710; Jacob Grimm, philologist and folk-tale collector, Hanau, Germany, 1785; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the blind, Coupvray, France, 1809; Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of a shorthand system, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1813; Augustus John, painter, Tenby, Dyfed, 1878.

**DEATHS:** Stephen Hales, clergyman, pioneer of plant physiology, Teddington, Middlesex, 1761; Joseph John Gurney, philanthropist and writer, 1847; Cornelius Vanderbilt, financier, New York, 1877; Charles Keene, artist, London, 1891; Benito Golos, novelist and dramatist, Madrid, 1920; Henri Bergson, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1928, Paris, 1941; Albert Camus, novelist, Nobel laureate 1957; Sens, France, 1960; Erwin Schrödinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1961; T.S. Eliot, poet, Nobel laureate 1948, London, 1965; Donald Campbell, killed when his speedboat crashed on Coniston Water, Cumbria, 1967; Joy Adamson, naturalist and writer, Shaba game reserve, Kenya, 1980; Christopher Isherwood, novelist, California, 1986.

The first successful appendix operation was performed by Dr Williams West Grant in Iowa, 1885. Rose Hebborn became the first woman to sit as a judge at the Old Bailey, 1972.

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will be the principal guest speaker on the first morning of the 50th Oxford Farming conference to be held at the Examination Schools, Oxford University, at 9.10.

## Residents unite to create community centre

### Octagon brings new hope to estate

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Malvern Hills, steep and striking, where hordes of summer hikers follow in the melancholy footsteps of Sir Edward Elgar, form a setting of which any town could be proud. But Great Malvern itself, far from being a jewel in the crown, is mostly a shapeless sprawl unworthy of its surroundings.

The Brook Farm estate on its southeastern fringe is all too typical. An otherwise unexceptional development of 1960s brick houses and low-rise blocks of flats was blighted from the start by the perverse decision to fill the spaces in between not with grass but with concrete and asphalt. Around and behind them runs a series of dingy, unattractive alleyways that might have been specifically designed for petty crime and vandalism.

Within a generation it had become a "problem" estate. The planners' hopes of achieving a harmonious community by mixing elderly people with families with young children had achieved the opposite effect. The children taunted, provoked and sometimes physically attacked their elders, to the point where the latter were constantly summing the police.

In 1987 a group of residents decided things could not go on the way they were and formed a community association.

Four years later they were able to persuade the district council to dig up the concrete and replace it with grass, get rid of the alleyways and plant trees and shrubs.

The council also gave the association a plot of land and a grant of £75,000 to build a community centre. The community council put in another £30,000 and a further £45,000 came from charitable trusts and from various fundraising activities. Local churches helped to organise fêtes, and a nearby homeowner twice opened her gardens to the public and donated the £2,000 proceeds.

The glass-roofed building, known as the Octagon, has been open for just a year. It is light, airy and warm and houses a kindergarten and playgroup, an after-school club, a youth club, indoor games, aerobics and keep-fit classes and a Sunday school. All the equipment, including the office furniture, filing cabinets and photocopier, has been donated by well-wishers.

Don Pierce, the association's chairman, is keen to expand the range of activities, in particular to give the older residents more involved and to break down the resentment some of them still feel for their younger neighbours.

The centre is a symbol of



Janice Evans, assistant secretary, and Don Pierce with children from the kindergarten

the overall improvement in the quality of life on the estate. A third of the inhabitants have bought their homes, and the rest are managed by a housing association. The houses have their own gardens, surrounded by wooden fences, and their are communal shrub and flower gardens maintained by the residents themselves.

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## Thames yields oldest pair of spectacles

By NORMAN HAMMOND  
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A PAIR of spectacles, thought to be the earliest found in Britain, has been uncovered on the Thames foreshore in London. Dating probably from about 1500, the pair may have been among the first to have pads to hold the frames in the bridge of the nose.

The spectacles were found at Swan Stairs in the City by Terry Letts, Roger Green and Rikki Sullivan, who were searching with a metal detector. They recognised the sig-

nificance of the bone frames, and kept them damp until they could be delivered to the Museum of London's conservation experts. The circular eyepieces, an inch across each had a projecting terminal, and were joined by a domed iron rivet. A groove held each lens, secured by wire or thread in notches.

In effect, the spectacles were two-handed hand lenses fastened together, but projections on each "handle" with fine grooves flanking them are an unexplained feature.

Judith Stevenson of the Mu-

seum of London suggests that

they anchored twin pads of wadding or felt, which would provide comfort for the wearer, and more importantly, would keep the spectacles on the nose". Although spectacles were invented in Italy in the 13th century, shown in a portrait of Cardinal Hugh Ugo in 1352 and listed even earlier among the Bishop of Exeter's effects in 1326, the earliest surviving examples in Europe date from about 1500.

Several were found under the choir stalls at Wienhausen in Germany in 1558, and a pair were recovered from Trig Lane in London in 1974. The

Swan Stairs frames are thought likely to be slightly earlier. Ms Stevenson says: "This new find is noteworthy for the variation in spectacle form that it portrays, and the rarity of survival of such items." They were probably made for a long-sighted person, perhaps to help with reading in old age.

Spectacles were generally

used by men, especially in professions such as the law, trade and illumination of manuscripts, where close work was necessary.

□ *Source: London Archaeologist 7 no 12: 321-327.*

## PERSONAL COLUMN

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M.H. Bailey  
and Miss C.E.A. Wood

The engagement is announced between John Michael Hoare, elder son of the late Mr John H. Bailey and Mrs Elsie Bailey, of Meads Drive, Hoylake, Wirral, and Claire Elizabeth Anne, elder daughter of the late Reverend Thomas Wood, and of Mr and Mrs Montague Christopher, of Sandringham, Norfolk.

Mr R.O. Barber  
and Miss M.G.C. Nathaniels

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Barber, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, and Miranda, youngest daughter of Mr Ray Nathaniels, of Nassau, Bahamas, and Mrs Elizabeth Nathaniels, of Chichester, Dorset.

Mr R.O. Bernays  
and Miss R. Horwood-Swart

The engagement is announced between Richard Bernays, of Elgin Crescent, London, W11, and Rosamund Horwood-Swart, of Temple, London, EC4.

Mr J.L. Birchmore  
and Mrs S.E. Birchmore

The engagement is announced between Rohan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Birchmore, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and of Perth, Western Australia, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Brooff, of Fremantle, Western Australia.

Mr M.C.M. Blackadder  
and Miss E.C.P. McCance

The engagement is announced between Hugh, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.D.M. Blackadder, of Combe Down, Bath, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.L. McCance, of Ingrave, Essex.

Mr R.E. Floyd  
and Miss C.J. Simmons

The engagement is announced between Benedict, son of Mr and Mrs E.D.M. Floyd, of Combe Down, Bath, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.L. McCance, of Ingrave, Essex.

Mr R.E. Fraser  
and Miss E.C.P. McCance

The engagement is announced between Hugh, youngest son of

Mr and Mrs Jean Fraser, of Dorking, and

the late Mr Simon Fraser, and

Erica, daughter of Mrs and

Mrs Simon Fraser, of

Doddington.

Mr A.G.M. Brunker  
and Miss H.J. Colson

The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of Mr and Mrs Guy Brunker, of Stoke Rogers, Buckinghamshire, and Helen Jane (H-J), daughter of Judge and Mrs Colin Colson, of Hertfordshire.

Mr N.J. Burroughs  
and Miss S.J. Kettard

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs W.J. Burroughs of West Clandon, Surrey, and Sharon, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Kettard, of New Elstow, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R.M. Clapham  
and Miss M.L.V. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Colonel and Mrs Derek Clapham, of Mattingley, Hampshire, and Maria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Thomas, of Jersey, Channel Islands.

Mr E.A.G. Jones  
and Miss H.L. Arwyd

The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Walker, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jones, of Throwley, Kent.

Mr M. Kelsey  
and Miss C.S. Ambler

The engagement is announced between Max, son of Mr Malcolm Kelsey, of Singapore, and Mrs Nevile Warren, of Nairobi, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nevill Ambler, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr D.R. Oswald  
and Miss J.L.C. Edwards

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Oswald, of Lincoln, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Edmundson, of Earl Soham, Suffolk, and Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Corbett, of Putney, London.

Mr P. Raynes  
and Miss C.J. Estlin

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Wolf Raynes, of Israel, and Claire Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Rothman, of London.

Mr P.G. Torrington  
and Miss F. Partridge

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr Keith Torrington, of Mrs Dorothy Partridge, of Hurlingham, London, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Partridge, of Brightlingsea, Essex.

Flying Officer F. Val Martinez  
and Miss S.A.V. Bowles

The engagement is announced between Flying Officer Fernando Val Martinez, Squadron 74, The Spanish Air Force, Salamanca, elder son of Señor M.T. Val García, of Zaragoza, Spain, and Sophie Azucena, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.V. Bowles, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr S. Vowles  
and Miss C.A. Hewitt

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Vowles, of Bath, and Catherine Anne, younger daughter of Mr Peter Hewitt and Mrs A.D. Story, of Lytham St Annes, Lancashire.

Mr R.A.E. Walker  
and Miss H.L. Jones

The engagement is announced between Rupert, only son of the Rev and Mrs Christopher Walker, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jones, of Throwley, Kent.

Marriage

Lieutenant R.F. Hollinshead  
and Miss R.A. Bellis

The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 27, 1995, at Reading Register Office, between Lieutenant Robert Francis Hollinshead and Miss Katherine Anna Bellis.

## Church news

### Appointments

The Rev Fred Woods, Vicar, Christ Church, Warmminster (Salisbury); Team Rector, Woodley Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Michael Woods, Team Rector, Great Yarmouth Team Ministry and Chaplain to East Norfolk Police (Norwich); to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

The Rev John Wright, Priest-in-Charge, Offham and Bredford (Worthington); to be Rector, Backwell w/ Chelvey and Brockley (Bath and Wells).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Leslie Baxter, Vicar, St Saviour, Portsea (Portsmouth); to Admaston and Burridge (Bath and Wells); to retire.

The Rev Richard Chest, Rector, Ticehurst (Bath and Wells); to retire.

The Rev Stuart Holt, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Porthcawl (Porthcawl); to resign December 31.

The Rev Canon Terence Knight, Vicar, St Saviour, Portsea (Portsmouth); resigned November 30.

The Rev Allan Lanchester, Rector, Horley w/ Horndean and Hove (Brighton and Hove); to retire January 1996.

The Rev Michael Pinn, Priest-in-Charge, St Mary, Porthcawl (Porthcawl); to retire January 1996.

The Rev Canon Christopher Tyndale, Rector, Tyndale Nursing Homes, London; to retire April 1996.

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## OBITUARIES

## ARTHUR RUDOLPH

Arthur Rudolph, German rocket scientist, died in Hamburg on January 1 aged 89. He was born on November 9, 1906.

WHEN in July 1969 American technology eventually landed the first man on the Moon, Arthur Rudolph, chief co-ordinator of the Saturn V rocket programme which had made the feat possible, was among those scientists who received a grateful nation's Distinguished Service Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor. With his mentor Werner von Braun, father of the wartime V2 rocket, he was one of a number of German scientists whom the Americans had acquired in 1945 to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Russians. Their effort was decisive in enabling the Americans to overhaul the lead in space which the Soviet Union had built up in the late 1950s.

Werner von Braun died in 1977, laden with honours and with an indelible place in the history of space flight. Unfortunately for Rudolph, he lived on into a more sceptical age. It began to be felt that America's space victory had been purchased at too great a sacrifice of decency, and a tactful burial of the sinister truth about the men who had been its chief architects. In 1982 Rudolph suddenly stood accused of atrocities against the slave workers who had laboured in caves deep underground to produce the second and most deadly of Germany's Vergeltungswaffen, the V2 rocket. In return for immunity from prosecution in the US he agreed to forgo his American citizenship, to return his decorations and to leave his country.

A few years older than von Braun, Arthur Rudolph had come from the same Berlin technical background, and was one of the band of rocket pioneers von Braun gathered about him in the 1930s before Hitler came to power. Since rockets, unlike manned aircraft, were not subject to Treaty of Versailles restrictions, the Nazi regime was able to give von Braun's efforts full backing, once it came to power, and in 1937 a missile centre was established at Peenemuende off Germany's Baltic coast. The aim was to produce what was in effect a strategic ballistic missile capable of hitting Britain and, unlike the subsonic piloted aircraft the V1, totally invulnerable to anti-aircraft gun and fighter defences.

But these developments were well known to British Intelligence and, once RAF Bomber Command had developed aircraft capable of reaching Peenemuende with the necessary bombload, the V2 sites were subjected to devastating raids. Eventually in August 1943, Peenemuende was all but



obliterated by Lancaster bombers and, with its strategic rocket offensive in jeopardy, the regime had production shifted to a factory known as Dora-Mittelbau at Nordhausen, deep in the Harz Mountains.

There, in underground bunkers secure from bombing, production of the rockets proceeded apace under Rudolph, who was the project's civilian director. That it should have done so might be thought something of a surprise, given the appalling conditions in which the 60,000 slave labourers worked. In what before their metamorphosis had been calcium sulphate mines, suspect Resistance workers from France and Belgium, prisoners of war and civilians who had been rounded up during Germany's advances into Eastern Europe, worked 12 and sometimes 18-hour shifts in conditions that were designed to kill them. They were supplemented by several thousand inmates from nearby Buchenwald who escaped death in that supremely gruesome place only to find it again at Nordhausen.

In the 20 months between the move to Nordhausen and the end of the war in Europe more than 20,000 perished in the tunnels and galleries under the Harz Mountains. Moisture and a sulphurous stench oozed continually from the living rock. Ventilation was non-existent. Tuberculosis, pneumonia and dysentery were rife. Tools to extend the underground works were

always in short supply. Prisoners were ordered to scuttle with their bare hands to clear rocks and rubble and to manhandle heavy machinery into position. Those who faltered were brutally beaten by the guards. Those who died were neatly stacked so as not to interfere with work, and then removed by fork lift truck at the end of the shift.

Work in any of the tunnels was calculated to shorten life. But the most grisly of them all was *Gallerie neununddreißig*, to which a posting meant a sentence of death. Gallery 39 was the galvanising shop whose toxic chemical fumes ate away the lungs of anyone who worked there. No one survived there for more than a month. Executions for minor infringements of discipline were common and the victims were frequently gibbeted outside Rudolph's office *pour encourager les autres*.

In spite of this manifestly self-defeating regime, more than a thousand V2s were actually produced. And although that was only 20 per cent of what Hitler had originally demanded, enough were launched to kill nearly 30,000 people in London and wound 10,000 more. For Hitler, it was too little, too late. But it was a dire portent for the future conduct of warfare.

On the morning of Wednesday April 11, 1945, the sufferings of the survivors of Dora-Mittelbau were at an end. Troops of the US 3rd Armoured Division broke into the camps and, like

those who were to liberate Buchenwald two days later, were appalled by what they witnessed. But Rudolph and other rocket men were not there to account for their crimes. In what later became known as the "Paperclip conspiracy" more than a hundred of Germany's top rocketeers who had given themselves up to the Western Allies were spirited to the US and, after the most perfidious clearance, set to work on America's postwar rocket programme (which in its early stages, used V2s, shipped to America). Rudolph was given US citizenship in 1954.

When, in the wake of the American humiliation by the launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik in 1957, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was formed, von Braun was put at its head and his old production manager from Dora-Mittelbau, Rudolph, became chief co-ordinator for the Saturn rocket project. The effort produced by this potent combination culminated in the moment when the astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped onto the Moon at 2.5pm on July 21, 1969.

Von Braun's removal from the scene at the relatively early age of 65 preserved his reputation intact. If he was in any event, not at Dora-Mittelbau, but stayed at the V2 firing site on the Baltic coast. But as the years went by it became clear that, in order to lay their hands on the best of German rocket technology after the war, the US Administration had entered into something of a Faustian pact with the Devil.

In 1957 an ex-inmate of Nordhausen, Jean Michel, published *Dora: the Hell of All the Concentration Camps*, a memoir which gave an impetus to the search for the truth about the source of America's aerospace success. Eventually in 1984 Rudolph was presented by the US Office of Special Investigations with incontrovertible evidence of his involvement in atrocities at Dora-Mittelbau, in exchange for immunity from prosecution he agreed to renounce his US citizenship and leave the country forever. Eventually he settled in Hamburg where he lived with his wife in a quiet suburb. The West German Government could find no charges to bring against him, and he always denied any war guilt when visited by those few reporters who managed to run him to earth. Revealingly, when asked by a television reporter if he, von Braun and their fellow rocketeers had regarded the landing on the Moon as a German victory, he replied unhesitatingly: "Yes, we thought so."

Rudolph is survived by his wife Martha, and by their daughter, who was allowed to remain in the United States.

## GEOFFREY PINNINGTON

Geoffrey Pinnington, Editor of the *Sunday People*, 1972-82, died on December 24 aged 76. He was born on March 21, 1919.



GEOFFREY PINNINGTON looked a heavyweight and his journalism matched his physique. He had a bold-like determination and was almost impossible to deter when he had decided on a course of action. This did not endear him to all his colleagues, but his Fleet Street career progressed because his judgments usually proved to be correct.

His RAF service was typical of his life. Naturally, he had an affinity for bombers. He decided early on that the Wellington was his sort of aircraft. Like Pinnington, Wellingtons could absorb a lot of punishment and still reach their target, and he made it his business to operate in them long after more glamorous aircraft had been developed. He became one of the most experienced navigators in the RAF, serving in Bomber Command and the Middle East. He ended as a squadron leader after seeing the war through.

Geoffrey Pinnington was essentially a Londoner, devoted to his theatres and restaurants, and spending all his working life in the capital and suburbs, apart from one brief sortie to Manchester. He was educated principally at Harrow County School and later studied at King's College London. He began in journalism as a reporter on the *Middlesex Independent* before moving to local papers in London, where he achieved his first editorship at the *Kensington Post*.

He entered national journalism through the *Daily Herald*. He was moved swiftly to the news desk, when his talents were recognised, and

then moved even more swiftly to become northern editor. Brought back to London in 1958 as deputy editor, he might well have become one of the several successive *Herald* editors appointed in a vain search for the winning formula.

An apparent lurch towards unilateralism by the *Herald* when he was in temporary charge of the paper proved, however, too much for its masters at the TUC. It was made clear that he would never edit the paper. Just as clearly Pinnington made it obvious that he did not accept the judgement. He left almost at once and joined the *Daily Mirror*.

It was at the *Mirror* that his reputation really grew. The paper was then at its peak, the most popular daily in Britain, with a circulation approaching five million, and Pinnington became its night editor. The night editorship of any tabloid paper is always a key post but Pinnington made it a vital one. He dominated the section known as the back bench where a paper's make-up and content are largely determined, and he continued to demonstrate his power after he had been promoted to assistant editor. He wielded more influence than many

editors. He attracted great loyalty from his production colleagues as well as admiration from many in other areas of the paper; but he also created critics, despite his continued success.

In a replay of what had happened at the *Herald*, it became obvious that his personality would never allow him to become Editor of the *Mirror*. When a vacancy occurred on its companion paper, the *Sunday People* in 1972, he was glad to fill it. For the next ten years he edited the paper with enthusiasm and confidence. It was a difficult task because he had to compete not only with the market leader, the *News of the World*, but also with the *Sunday Mirror* which, like the *Sunday People*, was owned by what was then the International Publishing Corporation.

Pinnington felt, rightly or wrongly, that the IPC's heart was really with the *Sunday Mirror* and that, when it was a question of allocating resources, his paper would always take second place. Nevertheless, he was delighted to have an editorship at last, even though it was on a paper which was rather downmarket for his own taste. But when he retired in 1982, he did so with a sense of fulfilment.

He was a member of the Press Council from 1982 to 1986, continuing rather unusually after his retirement from active journalism. He was vice-chairman from 1983 to 1986.

Pinnington was a man of considerable humour and as adept at assessing the worth of a story as he was at devising the make-up of a front page. He would have made his mark on any paper.

He is survived by his wife Beryl, and by their two daughters.

## WING COMMANDER ROY DAVIES

Wing Commander Roy Davies, OBE, Organising Director of Music, Royal Air Force, 1969-77, died on December 29 aged 75. He was born on May 1, 1920.



THE SON of a jeweller and brought up in Tottenham, north London, Roy Edward Charles Davies joined the Royal Marines as a bandboy aged 15. A natural musician, he excelled as a flautist and a harpist and was the piano soloist for the Royal Marines Orchestra. Indeed, but for the Second World War, he might well have pursued a career as a concert pianist. Instead, he served in HMS *Waspire* and saw action at the battles of Narvik, Matapan and Crete. He was on active service with HMS *Hawkins* on D-Day in June 1944.

Offered a commission by the Royal Air Force — something he had never been granted in the Marines — he joined the RAF in 1950. He was formally commissioned as a Director of Music one year later. In 1952 he was posted to Germany as Director of Music for the Second Tactical Air Force.

He gave numerous concerts in Germany and accompanied leading artists as distinguished as Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Rita Streich. He also arranged the first public appearances for local choir, later to become famous as the Oberkirchen choir, whose *Happy Wanderer* song expressed something of the rehabilitation of Germany after the war.

He returned to Britain in 1958, becoming Director of Music at RAF Locking. His next posting was to the RAF College, Cranwell. During this time his band made many public appearances, including concerts given at Lincoln Cathedral.

He moved to Uxbridge, headquarters of the Royal Air Force music services, to become Director of the Central Band. He was then promoted to become Organising Director of Music for the Royal Air Force.

Under his tutelage the Central Band developed an airy orchestral and colourful sound which, captured on many records and radio broadcasts, survive to this day. Among his recordings were his unique arrangements for piano and military band.

He composed the *Skylight March* for the Royal Observer Corps but his arrangements for band and soloists were the most enduring testaments to his musical accomplishment.

He was appointed OBE in 1973.

On one occasion, making the preparations for his band to greet a foreign dignitary, he discovered that the music for the appropriate national anthem had been discarded along with other relics of the country's former regime. With only hours to spare he established that there was now a new anthem. Making a call to the relevant British embassy, he encouraged an official to whistle the tune down the telephone. He then transcribed it and arranged it just in time for the band to play it — impeccably — at the airport welcoming ceremony.

He was married for 58 years to Vera Davies. She survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

## CANON DOUGLAS RHYMES

Canon Douglas Rhymes, Canon Librarian of Southwark Cathedral, 1962-69, died on January 1 aged 81. He was born on March 26, 1914.



Rhymes was heavily identified with what was known at the time as "South Bank Religion". A close associate of Stockwood — who appointed him to his cathedral canonry

of Robinson's bestseller, which was published a year earlier, rated as a minor classic of its era.

The son of a headmaster and born Devon, Douglas Alfred Rhymes was educated at King Edward VI School, Birmingham, and then at the University of Birmingham, where he took a second in philosophy. From there he went to Ruppin Hall, Oxford, being made deacon in 1940 and ordained priest in 1941. He spent the latter part of the war with the Westminster Dragoons and was one of the first army chaplains to enter Belsen, where he conducted several mass burials.

After the war he held curacies in Essex — he had served his title in the Chelmsford diocese — before moving to Southwark as a minor canon of the cathedral in 1950. His first preferment came at the hands of Bertram Simpson, Mervyn Stockwood's predecessor, who appointed him vicar of New Eltham in 1954.

But it was Stockwood who became his real patron, summoning him back to the cathedral in 1962 and the same year giving him charge of all lay training within the Southwark diocese. In south London and the inner suburbs of Surrey, Rhymes became a familiar figure among church people — and a popular one, too. Originally a Proctor in Convocation from 1959 to 1964, he was subsequently twice elected by his fellow clergy to the General Synod.

He was a sought-after spiritual director and conductor of retreats as well as being a gifted preacher. His time, however, as Canon Librarian of Southwark had not been an entirely easy one, coinciding as it did with the illness and eventual nervous breakdown of the Provost, Ernie Southcott.

In his retirement — which he spent in West Sussex, helping regularly at Boxgrove Priory — Rhymes sprang a surprise on his former colleagues by coming out openly as a homosexual. This cost him several friendships but the more tolerant of his Christian acquaintanceship had probably always accepted him for what he was — a cleric who enjoyed the good things of life (including wine) but who never flaunted his sexuality, least of all before those who would only be embarrassed by it.

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## Mr. Paul Beard on Life and Leadership in the Orchestra

From Our Special Correspondent  
Mr. Paul Beard is one of the best known figures in English musical life. Since 1920 he has occupied the leader's desk at innumerable concerts in and out of London, for four years — since its foundation by Sir Thomas Beecham in 1932 — with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and then with the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

"When I left the Academy I was awarded my A.R.A.M., and later the F.R.A.M., I knew that one can't combine the life of solos, leader, and chamber music player really successfully — as a chamber player one has to be a specialist — and I knew what I wanted. Sir Henry J. Wood started me off: he appointed me leader of the Birmingham Orchestra in 1930. I led for him right up to his death without any lessening of the tremendous respect and admiration I always had for him. The amount of work he got through was amazing, and he was always courteous and helpful; there were never any hard words. To me, personally, as a young beginner, he was always helpful and encouraging and he would disregard altogether unavoidable accidents."

"Conductors from all over the world

## ON THIS DAY

January 4, 1960

Older connoisseurs will readily remember the patriotic figure of Paul Beard (1901-69) threading his way through the BBC Symphony Orchestra to take his seat as its leader. That was Tuesday, March 10, 1936, when he conducted us. He brought his own pipe, bowed and marked, but he was kind enough to give me a free hand technically. If you are given that there's no excuse for you if you fail.

"The leader is responsible for seeing that the playing of all the violins satisfies the conductor. He has to bow and finger the parts and to rehearse the violins separately, if that is necessary. He must be on terms of mutual trust and good will with the players around him, as without that he is not likely to have much success at his job. He must also be prepared to conduct in an emergency — if the conductor is taken ill, for example — and that means he should be able to read a complicated modern score and conduct in an efficient, professional way."

## PERSONAL COLUMN

## DEATHS

## IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

## ELIOT THOMAS STEARNS

4th January 1965

"And when the dead had no speech for, when living, They can tell us, being dead; the communication Of the dead is tongueless with the language of the living."

— Valerie

SPENCER — Christopher, January 6th 1965. In loving memory. Mother, Father, Nikki, Kathy, Ben and Emma.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

DAVIES — A service for the wife of Guy Davies, who died on Monday, January 22nd at 80 years of age, will be held on Friday, January 5th at 10.30 am. No flowers please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

FRITH — Armand Abraham died suddenly of heart failure on Sunday, January 7th 1995. Burial will be held on Saturday, January 13th at Springfield Cemetery, Bristol. No flowers please. Rest in peace.

YOUNG — Miles, formerly of Wimborne, died on January 1st 1995 peacefully in Esher, Surrey. Beloved husband of Jean, and father of Andrew and Hugh, and grandfather of J.J., Philippa, Sam, Alexandra, Charlie, Heidi, Sophie and Isabella. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd at 12.15 pm at Putney Vale Crematorium.

LAWRENCE — Peter, died on January 1st 1995 at 80 years of age. Beloved husband of Dorothy, and father of Michael, David,

## BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

## HOLIDAYS

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## FLIGHTS

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□ BLUEBIRD Express is offering low fares in January and February on its charter flights from Gatwick to Johannesburg. The economy

fare, bookable seven days in advance, is £499 return and the business class rate is £1,099. Details: 01444 235678.

□ SHORT-BREAK packages to the Gulf are available from Eastravel in Ipswich. The cost for two people travelling together for two or three nights at the best hotels plus economy-class flights is roughly the same as the normal airfare for one passenger. Prices start at £489 a person for Dubai, £439 for Abu Dhabi, £398 Bahrain and £486 Muscat. Details: 01473 214305.

□ VIRGIN Atlantic is fighting back with a return Heathrow-New York fare of £179. Book by January 17 and depart by March 28. Details: 01293 747747.

□ BRITISH Midland's ri-

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□ THE Southampton Hilton National hotel has a "relax and pamper" weekend on January 26-28 at £145 per person. The price includes meals and health and beauty treatments. Details: 01923 246464.

□ LONDON's newest Town

## HOTELS

House hotel is The Leonard, Portman Square, central London. Rates start at £150 a night per room and the hotel is offering an upgrade to a suite if available during January. Details: 0171-935 2010.

□ MOROCCO's famous La Mamounia hotel in Marrakesh is holding the prices of its package deals, including those for golfing weekends and honeymoons, at 1995 levels for a year. Reservations through Leading Hotels of the World: 0800 181123.

□ COMBINE skiing with gourmet meals at the Suvretta House hotel at St Moritz in the Swiss Alps. A seven-night stay during the St Moritz Food Festival — from February 2 to 10 — at the hotel on half-board, with ski instruction included, costs from £1,160 per person. Details: 004182 21121.

□ BRUSH up on your ski technique on a Sheffield Mead House two-night package until the end of April for £149 per person. It includes a ski lesson at a dry ski slope plus four hours of skiing. Details: 0114 282 9988.

BARBADOS is launching a determined campaign to promote and improve its historic and cultural attractions. Tourism chiefs have decided that sun, sand and sea are insufficient to woo the discerning visitor.

The campaign, considered essential to maintain a steady increase in holidaymakers amid fierce competition, is the idea of Billie Miller — recently appointed Tourism Minister in addition to her role as Deputy Prime Minister and the three businessmen chosen to head the tourism authority.

"We can offer excellent accommodation with several first-class hotels but the people attracted to them will want to do more than just sit by the pool or on the beach," Miss

Miller says. "Other resorts might try to match our weather and beaches but they do not possess the hundreds of years of history and exotic environment which Barbados can boast."

The island hopes to play on its 350-year relationship with Britain to ensure that it continues to provide a significant proportion of the 500,000 annual visitors — and has launched an incentive programme for UK travel agents to help to achieve this.

Officials are also seeking fresh markets. They recently targeted California as a source of potential wealthy holiday-makers, accustomed to the sun

but in need of history and

culture. Last month a team of 60 visited Brazilian trade and media groups to generate new business from South America.

"Tourism is our leading business and we have to make it work," Miss Miller says. Her campaign will be boosted by a season of music and festivals, which opens next Wednesday with a five-day jazz and soul festival featuring Ray Charles, Roberta Flack and other international stars, and continues in March with an open-air opera and Shakespeare season.

"We have some wonderful tropical gardens, a rainforest and swamp, signal stations and lighthouses, buildings full of history," she says. Miss Miller is also determined to make Bridgetown, the capital, more than just a bustling market town. She has set up a task force to study ways of improving the waterfront and the rapidly decaying historic buildings. She is worried that tourists think only of visiting the Garrison Savannah when horse racing is taking place and is actively supporting plans to preserve and restore the old colonial garrison buildings.

Miss Miller is also eager to make more of the island's historic forts and hopes to turn the old naval magazine at St Ann's Fort into a military museum and to create a walkway along the cliffs from the fort beneath the Hilton Hotel into Bridgetown itself.

The Barbados National Trust is playing a leading part in restoring buildings. Its flagship is the Gun Hill signal station, which attracted 70,000 visitors last year and stands at the centre of an elaborate early 19th-century communications system.

The trust has also restored Tyrol Cot, the part-Palladian house built in 1854 which became the home of Sir Grantley Adams, the island's first Prime Minister. The trust's Heritage Passport provides access to these buildings and to tropical gardens and a sugar mill and is the first tangible sign of the island's attempt to boost its less obvious assets.

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# Summer off to a slow start

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

ATTEMPTS to persuade holidaymakers to book early for summer packages have so far failed.

Despite massive discounting backed by strident and costly television and newspaper advertisements, travel agents and tour operators throughout Britain are privately admitting that demand is at best only "sluggish" and that, overall, the number of summer holidays sold so far is around 30 per cent down on the number sold in the same period last year.

Many are, however, confident that bookings will pick up later in January — traditionally the month during which around a third of all summer holidays are sold. And big tour operators, such as Thomson, say that although the market dropped to around 40 per cent below last year's level just before Christmas, it picked up again last Saturday to almost the same level as the first Saturday of 1995.

Nonetheless, millions of customers appear determined to wait before rushing out to book. For the next few weeks, therefore, the entire travel industry will be holding its breath in the hope that families throughout Britain begin walking into high street shops to put down a deposit.

So far, families with young children — traditionally the backbone of the Mediterranean package holiday market — are resolutely refusing to do so. "They are being very cautious about the money they are prepared to spend. We believe they have been waiting to see what the industry is going to offer in the way of price cuts before making their minds up," said a senior Thomson official.

Most insiders blame the bad weather, which kept people indoors immediately after Christmas. But Thomas Cook also blames the sales offers being made by other high street retailers. "As business routine returns to normal

and the weather relents, we are expecting an upturn in bookings over the next two weeks," said Andrew Windsor, commercial director of Thomas Cook.

Going Places, the second biggest travel agency chain with 707 shops, believes that the trend towards late bookings which has become established over the past few years will take some time to turn around, and that the upturn should come once children have returned to school.

Lunn Poly, the biggest chain of agencies, insists that it is still too early to tell but admits that the market is "soft". Privately, however, several individual travel agencies in the group admitted that sales were extremely poor.

Even before the new programmes were launched, the industry was predicting a big fall in the number of holidays which would eventually be taken this year, and deliberately withdrew more than a million from sale. But even the most pessimistic did not expect the slump in bookings to have continued so long.

On the brighter side, they claim that bookings for this winter are well up, especially to long-haul destinations such as the Caribbean and Florida. Skiing is still losing popularity, with bookings down by almost 10 per cent on last year.

Cruising for the summer season is proving popular, however, and bookings for Turkey are already well ahead of last year.

The trend towards long-haul holidays is marked. Kuoni, which specialises in long-haul travel, sold 12 per cent more last year than in 1994 and expects the market to be even stronger this year. Sri Lanka is selling well, it says, as are Mexico, Australia and Thailand.

Even though long-haul holidays are much more expensive, up to 40 per cent of the holidaymakers who have booked so far have chosen far-flung exotic destinations.

A new map pinpoints favourite film locations for tourists who want to be far from the madding crowd



## 1 FILM

1. Rob Roy: The classic Scottish legend of Robert Roy MacGregor brought to the screen with Liam Neeson, Jessica Lange and John Hurt. Filmed on the west coast of Scotland, Meggach Castle in Perthshire and at Drummond Castle, Crieff.
2. Braveheart: Another Scottish epic of brave Highland men fighting the invading English. The magnificent scenery of the mountains around Fort William and the purpose-built village at the foot of Ben Nevis was used as the stunning backdrop.
3. Carrington: Emma Thompson and Jonathan Pryce play the painter Dora Carrington and writer Lytton Strachey on the wild and beautiful North Yorkshire Moors at Goathland, the Yorkshire coast near Whitby. A Sussex bed and breakfast and Bursington Manor in Oxford.
4. Jane Eyre: Based on the classic novel by Charlotte Brontë, the drama of the penniless orphan who finds love and happiness stars William Hurt and Joan Plowright and was filmed at the magnificent 17th-century Haddon Hall in Derbyshire.
5. Shadwell: The true story of the relationship between C.S. Lewis and the vivacious New Yorker Joy Gresham. Filmed at Magdalen College, Radcliffe Camera and the Sheldonian Theatre Oxford, the rolling hills of Herefordshire and in Loughborough.
6. The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain: Hugh Grant stars in the story of a mountain which goes too small to be on the map. Filmed at Llanrhaeadr-Ym-Mochnant in Clwyd, North Wales and Hampton Lodge in the Severn Valley.
7. Four Weddings and a Funeral: Filmed at Luton Hoo, Beds; the Crown Hotel in Amersham, Bucks; and churches in Betchworth, Surrey; Albury Park, Guildford; the Royal Naval College Chapel Greenwich, St Bartholomew-the-Great and St Clements, West Thurrock, Essex.
8. Restoration: Meg Ryan and Robin Wright star in the post-Cromwellian drama set in the Jacobean manor of Brympton D'Evercy, Somerset. Maperton House gardens, Forde Abbey and Chastleton Castle.
9. First Knight: The legend of King Arthur was filmed on the shores of the beautiful Trawsfynydd Lake, Snowdonia National Park, and other parts of Wales including the fascinating slate mine at Gloddaeth Ganol.
10. Madness of King George: Nigel Hawthorne and Helen Mirren star in the story of the King's apparent insanity which put the throne at risk. Filmed at Syon House, near London; Thame Park, Oxfordshire; Wilton House, Wiltshire and Arundel Castle in Sussex.

## A TV

1. Taggart: The dour Scottish detective takes on the Glasgow villains. Filmed in and around the City originally at Partick Police Station but now at night at Tumbell Street Police Station.
2. Heartbeat: London policeman leaves the big city to become a village bobby in North Yorkshire. The picturesque village of Goathland on the main line of the North York Moors steam railway provides the setting with Askwith and Ollie also often appearing.
3. All Creatures Great and Small: Based on the James Herriot books about life as a country vet. It was filmed in Wensleydale and Swaledale with the village scenes shot in Askrigg. Also used were the market in Hawes, and Hardraw and Wensley churches.
4. The Buccaneers: Serial about a group of women from New York who took Victorian England by storm. Filmed at Castle Howard, North Yorkshire, at Brough House, Stamford and Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire and Stanway House in the Cotswolds.
5. Middlemarch: Based on George Eliot's classic novel of the industrial revolution, the story of love, disillusionment and blackmail is set in Stamford, Lincolnshire which now runs popular Middlemarch walking tours.
6. Pride and Prejudice: The television event of 1995. Jane Austen's novel was made for television in the Wiltshire villages of Luckington and Lacock, Lyme Park in Derbyshire; Sudbury Hall in Derbyshire; Warwick and the Derbyshire countryside.
7. Peak Practice: The doctors' practice in the Peak District was filmed at the village of Crich and its surroundings. The doctors' house is in reality Melkridge House, Dimple Lane in the village.
8. Lovelace: Ian McEwan is the regrettus antique dealer. The series was filmed at many Sufolk villages including Long Melford, Sudbury, Lavenham, Felsham, and Bury St Edmunds. Belchamp Hall was used as Lady Jane's home, Felsham Hall.
9. EastEnders: Although this immensely popular serial is filmed in a specially built closed set at Elstree, North London, it is based on the real-life Fassett Square in Hackney, in the East End.
10. One Foot in the Grave: Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie star in the award-winning comedy about a cantankerous retired man and his long-suffering wife. Their house and suburban surroundings were filmed in Bournemouth, Hants.

## Movie tour of Britain

A DETAILED map of film and television locations throughout Britain is to be issued free to help tens of thousands of movie-tourists to trace the spot where their favourite film was made, Harvey Elliott writes.

Some local authorities have already organised walking tours around well-known film locations and the British Tourist Authority (BTA) is to issue more than 250,000 Movie Maps to encourage this trend. "The interest stimulated when a village or a city is seen in the cinema or on television is enormous," Adele Biss, the BTA chairman, says. "The map will encourage people to get out and explore."

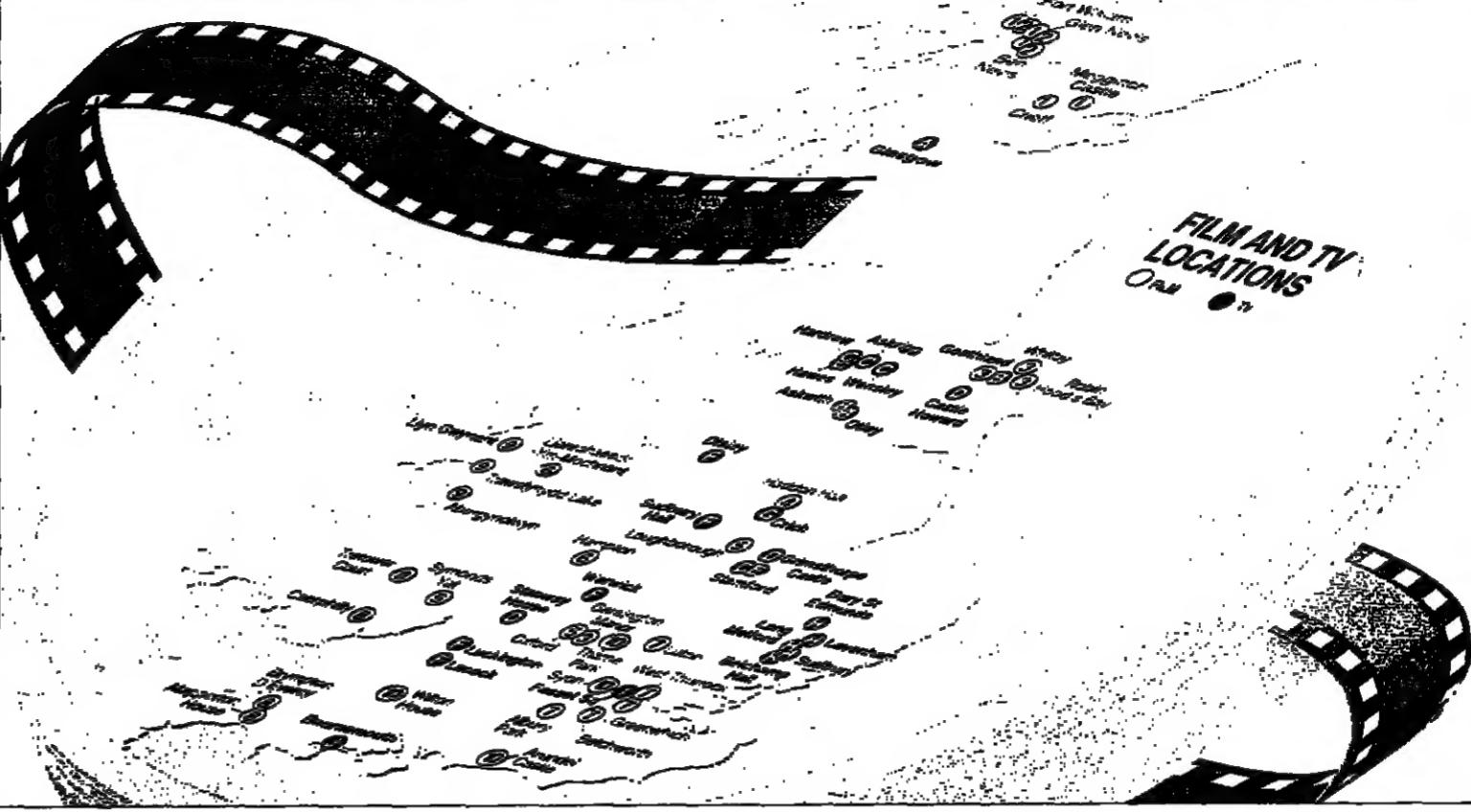
An influx of visitors often follows a particular TV programme. Towns used by the Antiques Roadshow or Songs of Praise, for example, report an immediate upsurge of visitors.

Overseas visitors are equally influenced by what they have seen of Britain on their own televisions. The 1942 *Wuthering Heights* was an instant box-office hit in Japan. The BTA distributed leaflets at cinema doors there and a competition offered a holiday in North Yorkshire's Brontë country. The scheme was so successful that many of the tourist direction signs in and around Haworth are now in Japanese and English.

The BTA has combined with the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and Vauxhall, which is sponsoring the Movie Map, to distribute the leaflet through the BTA's 600 information centres in Britain and 40 overseas.

Researchers have traced the locations of dozens of the most popular films and television programmes and have included many which are particularly popular abroad. Old favourites include *The Dam Busters* which was filmed in 1954 at Elan Valley in Wales, several Beatles films, the 1967 version of *Far From the Madding Crowd* which was filmed in Devizes and the Vale of Pewsey, and the 30-year-old cult television programme *The Prisoner*, which was made in Portmeirion, North Wales.

The map will be published at the end of this month.



## Mandela tour opens

By TONY DAWE

AN EARLY contender for the 1996 "What will they think of next?" award for tour operators comes from South African Airways Holidays with its 15-day Nelson Mandela tour.

The holiday even pays a visit to Robben Island, where President Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years.

Entitled "In the Footsteps of the President", the holiday, costing £2,175 a person, traces Mandela's life from his birthplace at Qunu, his school

and university education to his inauguration as President in 1994.

It includes guided tours of Soweto, Robben Island and the Victor Verster prison from which he finally walked to freedom.

The holiday could even be said to have the President's blessing, for the tour company needed a special government permit to take visitors on the

short boat trip from Cape Town to Robben Island.

A company spokesman said: "We started with the idea of promoting the Eastern Cape area where the President was born and then it grew into a grander tour providing more of an insight into his life and South Africa as a whole."

The lighter moments are provided by trips along the Garden Route from Johannesburg to Cape Town and to the beautiful Karoo semi-desert.

## Fast to Dieppe at last

By ROBIN YOUNG

STENA Line has announced that its new fast ferry service on the Newhaven-Dieppe cross-Channel route will start "three months ahead of schedule" at the beginning of March. But the commencement could be said to be almost a year behind schedule, since the two-hour service was originally announced for spring 1995.

It was postponed because of a long drawn-out Australian court case between Sea Containers Ltd, owners of HoverSpeed, and the Tasmanian catamaran builder, Incat.

Stena is finally opening the service using a larger catamaran built by the Austral shipyard. The Stena Sea Lynx IV, carrying 148 cars and 600 passengers, is undergoing final sea trials in Australia.

## Boost for Dublin

DUBLIN has shown the biggest growth in popularity with tourists seeking short-break holidays, according to Crystal Cities' annual survey of the top destinations for city breaks.

"We effectively paid twice for the same flight," said Mr Collins. "If it had happened at the height of the summer or over Christmas, it would have boosted Dublin to third place behind Paris and Amsterdam."

Mr Anderson says that with more than 35 tour operators offering specialist programmes and some return fares at less than £600, New Zealand has never been so accessible.

Last year, Air New Zealand increased its weekly service from four to five flights and Ausbound, a charter operator, says that its early winter departures have been more than 90 per cent full.

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## Fares up after French strike

By STEVE KEENAN

THE strike by French air traffic controllers, which ended last month, will increase the cost of British holidays.

The public workers' strike forced holiday flights to the Mediterranean to fly around French airspace for three weeks, hugely increasing airline fuel costs.

But European bureaucracy meant airlines still had to pay the French, despite being rerouted through Germany or into the North Atlantic.

The combined bill to charter and scheduled airlines is an estimated £12 million, which the carriers say will have to be passed on to passengers.

One charter airline, Air 2000, said the strike cost it £100,000 in extra flying costs, while an extra £230,000 was paid to the French.

With Air 2000 representing 3 per cent of charter seats, the total bill to UK charter was

NEW ZEALAND is changing its tourism strategy to persuade Britons to see the country as a holiday destination rather than merely a place for visiting friends and relatives, David Churchill writes.

But the country has already seen its tourist profile improving. For the 12 months to last November, the number of Britons going on holiday here rose by 11.3 per cent, while those travelling to see friends and relatives declined 2.1 per cent.

## Kiwis change tack

Officials believe that the country's wider tourist appeal was boosted by the Queen's visit last year when she attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Auckland.

Gregg Anderson, the New Zealand tourist board's marketing manager, says: "The figures show that New Zealand is beginning to have its

# THE TIMES TODAY

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## NEWS

### Insurers face £500 m water bill

■ Insurers are facing a £500 million bill for the water chaos that has shut down businesses and left tens of thousands of households cut off for days.

Hundreds of businesses across Scotland and the North East were told not to reopen after the Christmas break because of the water shortage and many said they would have to lay off staff unless supplies were restored soon.....Page 1

### Syndicates take on the Lottery

■ The record size of this week's National Lottery jackpot, estimated at £40 million, is attracting high-rolling gamblers and huge syndicates from all over the world. One expert said that dozens of people were flying in with thousands of pounds to spend on tickets but reports of an Australian syndicate buying all 14 million combinations were dismissed.....Page 1

### Madonna case

Madonna was due to testify in court against a man who forced his way into her estate and "made threats to slice her throat from ear to ear".....Page 1

### On the hoof

Cowden Garden's singers and dancers may find themselves moving from theatre to theatre next year while the Royal Opera House is renovated.....Page 1

### Loyalist hitlist

Loyalist paramilitaries are threatening to start a murder campaign against alleged drug dealers in Protestant areas of Ulster after drawing up a hitlist of nine men and one woman.....Page 2

### New Ecstasy warning

Drug agencies are altering their advice to Ecstasy users to alert them to the danger of drinking too much water.....Page 3

### Call for CS spray

A chief constable called for his officers to be armed with pepper or CS sprays after an attack that left a policewoman with a fractured skull. She and a colleague were beaten with an iron bar and a sledgehammer when they tackled six burglars.....Page 4

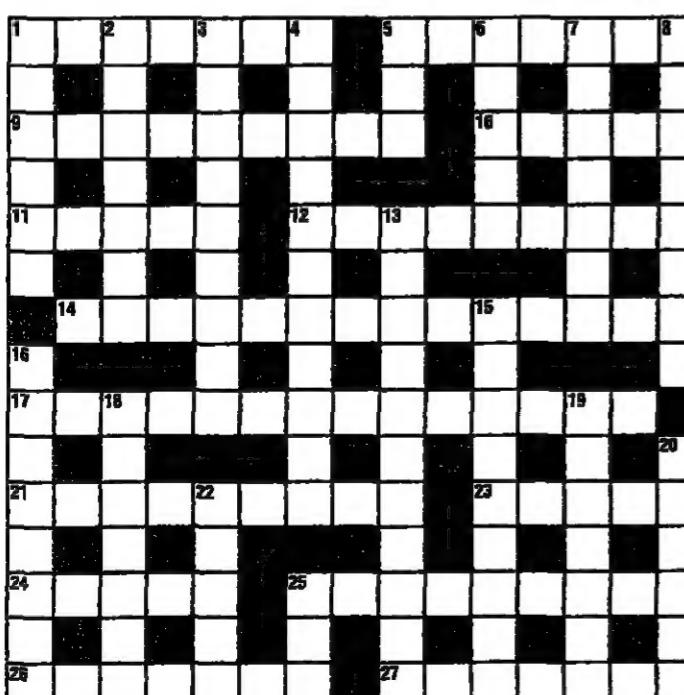
### Shell under fire

Geographers are urging their professional body to drop the Shell oil company as a patron because of its environmental record in Nigeria.....Page 6

### Scientists create the stuff of dreams

■ Scientists in Geneva have created antimatter, the stuff of science fiction and the fuel used to power the starship *Enterprise*. But don't book your seats for Alpha Centauri yet. The amount of antimatter created is barely enough to detect and it lasted for only the minutest fraction of a second. It is, nevertheless, a landmark.....Page 1

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,055



### ACROSS

- 1 Multitude not well accommodated in Jerusalem (7).
- 5 Leader, overdrawn, cut back (7).
- 9 Get rum leg clean with a sponge (5,4).
- 10 Meditative position that induces languor (5).
- 11 Part of New Testament contrarily included in Old, it's clear (5).
- 12 Devil mostly holding the stage with mild character (9).
- 14 Totally secure? Not enough for little pigs (2,4,2,6).
- 17 Tried to reflect changes in bank's authority (4,2,6).
- 21 Club engineers support (9).
- 23 Port left by an idiot (5).
- 24 Conclude there's no escaping hell (5).

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25 Prominent old boy with unusual virtues (9).

26 It takes nerve to match what American wears with suit (7).

27 Stretch of river in which vessels are found (7).

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29 Part of New Testament contrarily included in Old, it's clear (5).

30 Devil mostly holding the stage with mild character (9).

31 Hi-fi equipment from Nashville, say (5,6).

32 Research reveals letter enclosing meal ticket (5).

33 Copper's arresting sailor who's raised weapon (7).

34 In end, Sir Patrick is exempt (8).

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36 Rudy leap in and be coarse (8).

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